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A once famous city, plagued by Biorobots, is also the stronghold of an evil alien race. The earthforce prepare to strike back, and . . .

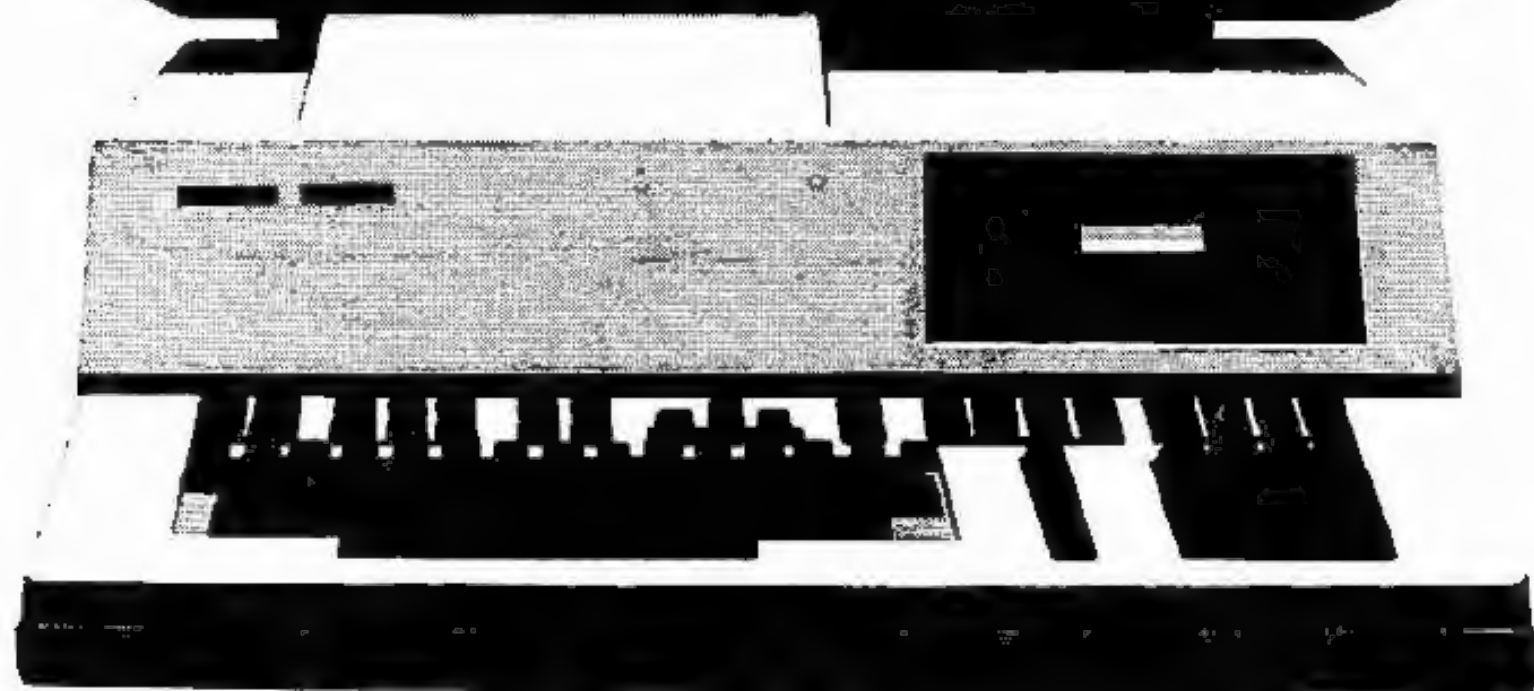
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RETURN TO DARKLAND

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From his base on the island of G-Brit on Planet Earth, the evil alien, Tarb, controlled his murderous space raiders. The web of his brutal rule spread throughout the Kingdoms of inhabited space. It was the turn of the Terran Kindorans to be menaced by these thugs, and it was time to consider a—



RETURN TO DARKLAND



IN DEEP SPACE AN UNARMED SURVEY
SHIP, FROM THE TERRAN TRADING
PLANET KINDORA, CAME UNDER ATTACK!

DIE, MEDDLERS!

THE INNOCENT KINDORANS WERE ON A WRECK-CHARTING MISSION.

TARB II RAIDERS WERE LOOTING THAT
WRECK. BETTER GET OUT FAST — BEFORE
WE'RE A WRECK TOO!

FOOLS! THEY ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE
DARKLIGHT ZONE.

IN THE DEADLY DARKLIGHT ZONE PLANETS WERE INVISIBLE TO THEIR INSTRUMENTS
BECAUSE THE ATMOSPHERE WAS TOO DENSE FOR ELECTRONIC IMPULSES TO PENETRATE.

WE'RE FLYING BLIND —
SWITCH TO MANUAL!

THE KINDORANS HIT FURTHER
PROBLEMS —



OPPOSING GRAVITY PULL FROM TWO
PLANETS. THE SHIP WILL BE TORN TO
PIECES.

ABOARD THE TARB GUNSHIP, THE CHASE WAS BEING ENJOYED —



WE'LL STRIKE WHILST THEY'RE TROUBLE —
FIRE PARTICLE BEAM! LAUNCH SOLO-JETS!

THE SOLO JETS SPED OUT —



BUT EERIE FIGURES FLOATED INTO VIEW —

ATTACK!



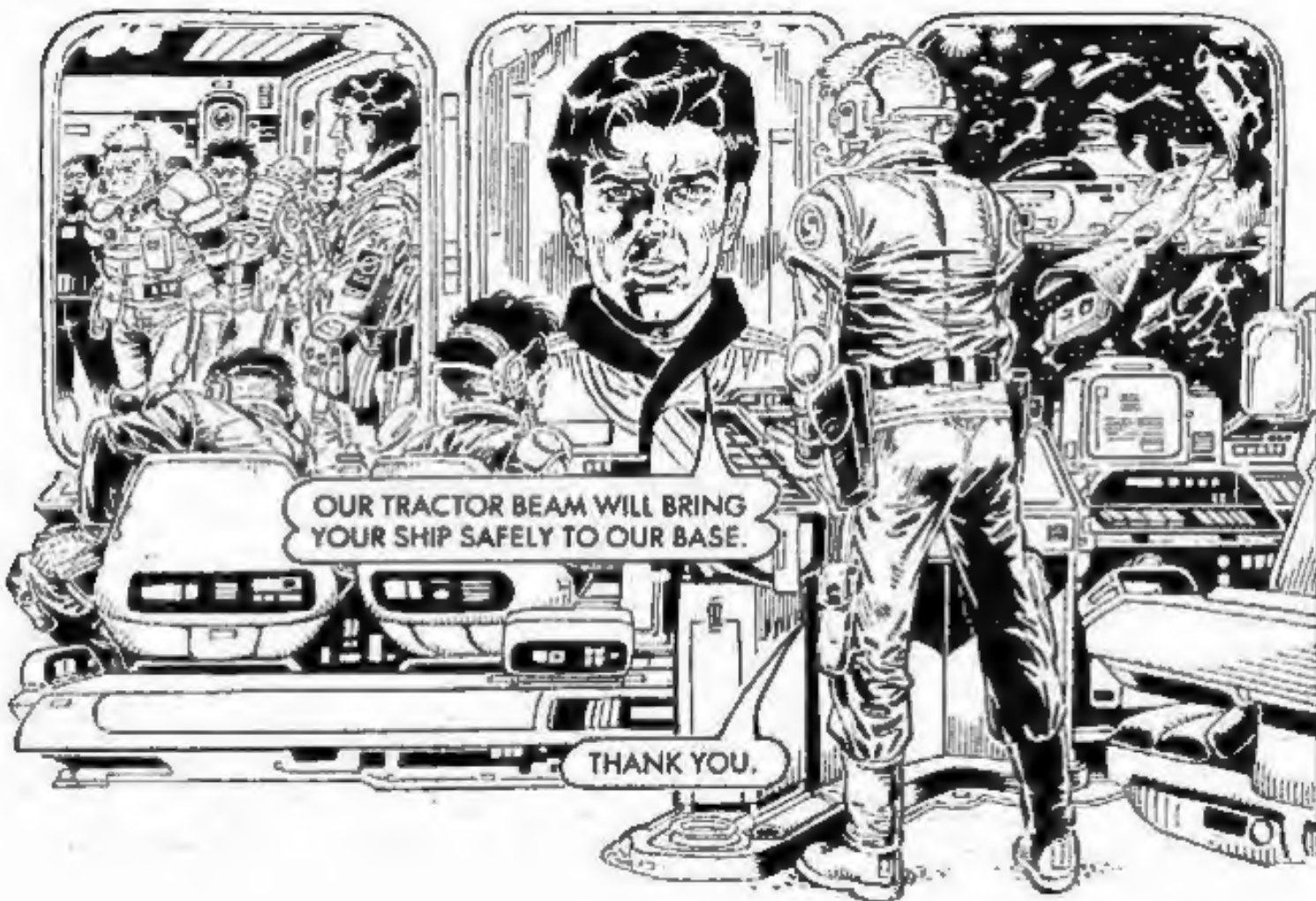


A SPACECRAFT EMERGED FROM THE DARKLIGHT MATRIX.



THAT'S A STARKILLER SHIP! IT'S DESTROYING TARB'S GUNSHIPS.

THE STARKILLERS SET UP A DIRECT LINK WITH THE KINDORANS.



OUR TRACTOR BEAM WILL BRING YOUR SHIP SAFELY TO OUR BASE.

THANK YOU.

THEY RETURNED TO THE HIDDEN BASE.

PERHAPS THE STARKILLERS COULD
DEFEAT THE WARLORD TARB.

THAT'S UP TO OUR HIGH COUNCIL — WE
HAVEN'T FOUGHT SINCE THE GALACTIC
WARS.

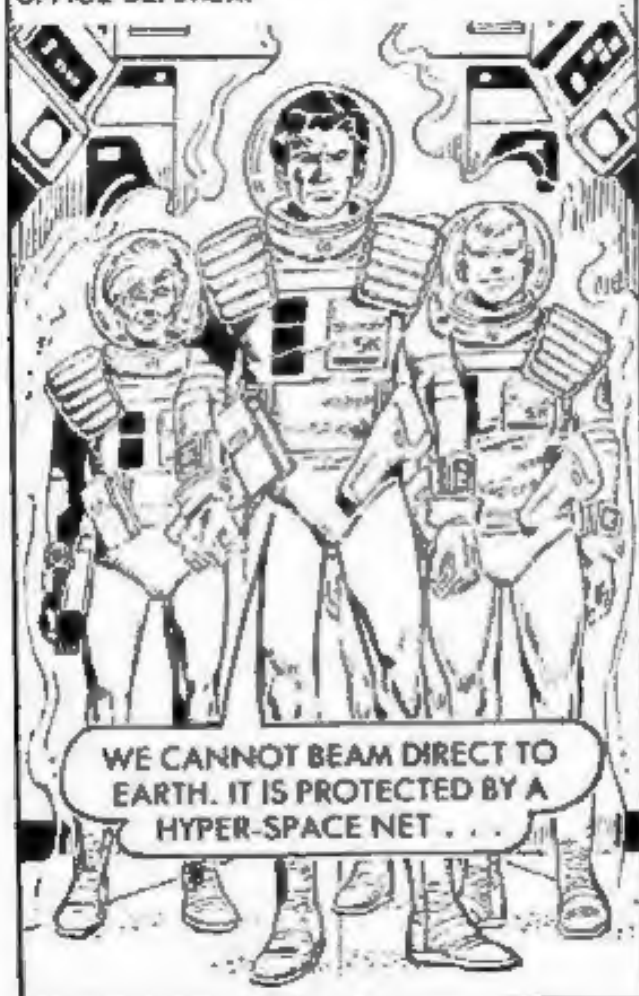
THE KINDORANS MET THE STARKILLERS' HIGH COUNCIL.

... AS FAR AS WE KNOW TARB HAS
GAINED POWER THROUGH RIGGED
ELECTIONS AND ASSASSINATION OF
POLITICAL OPPONENTS. THE EARTH
COUNCIL IS UNDER HIS CONTROL.

ACCORDING TO THE PEACE TREATY WE,
THE STARKILLERS WERE DISBANDED. WE
ARE AN ILLEGAL GROUP WITHOUT
SANCTION.



CAPTAIN KALE, OF THE MULTI-GALACTIC STARKILLERS WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF DEFEATING THE TARB. HE AND HIS SQUAD WERE PUT IN A HYPER SPACE BEAMER.



THERE WERE ALTERNATIVES —



THEY DIVED FOR COVER AS A TARB SCOUTER FLEW OVERHEAD —



AT A NEARBY CRATER —

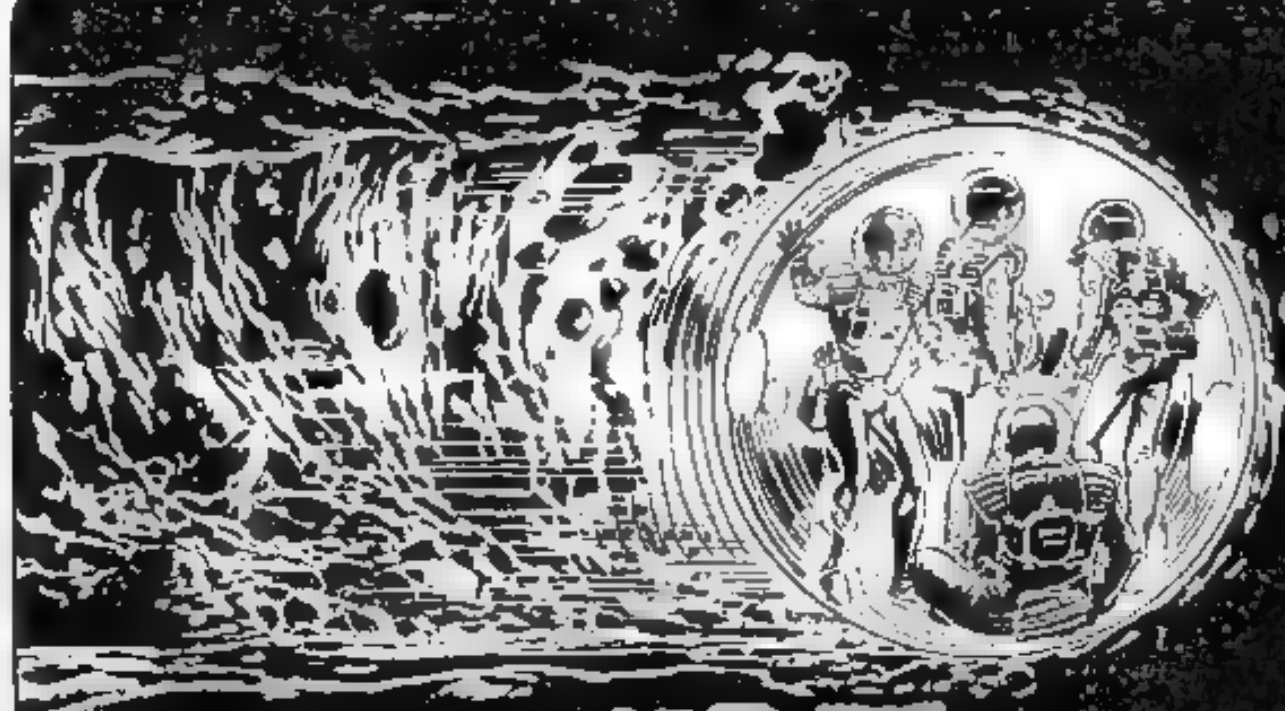


KALE ACTIVATED . . . DEVICE TAKEN FROM HIS WEAPON-BELT.



. . . THIS ACID BUBBLE WILL
BURN THROUGH THE LUNAR ROCK!

THE BUBBLE'S CORROSIVE OUTER SHELL TOOK THEM DEEP INTO THE CRATER RIM —



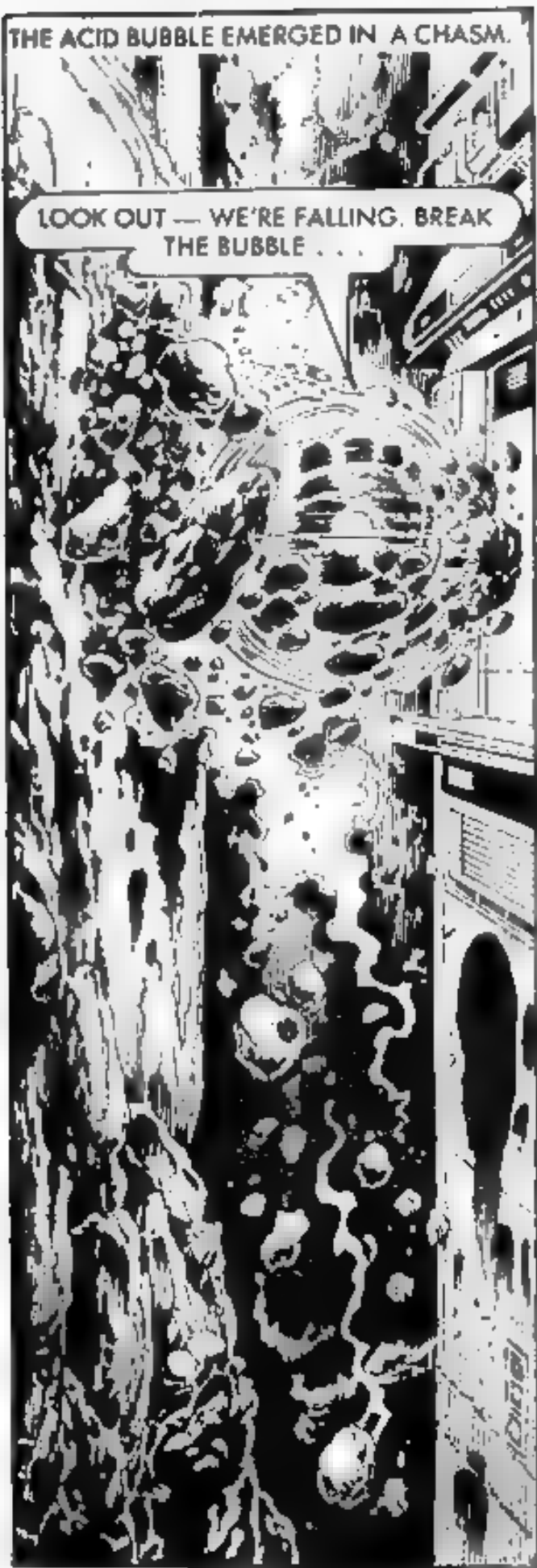
THE ACID BUBBLE EMERGED IN A CHASM.

LOOK OUT — WE'RE FALLING. BREAK
THE BUBBLE . . .

KALE FREED THEM FROM THE BUBBLE.

WE'RE FLOATING!

QUICK! GRAB
THE EDGE OF THE TUNNEL!





I'M BEING PULLED UPWARDS!

THOSE LUMPS OF ROCK
ARE MOVING UPWARDS TOO

WE'RE IN AN ALTERNATING
GRAVITY FIELD

THEY STRUGGLED BACK INTO THE TUNNEL.

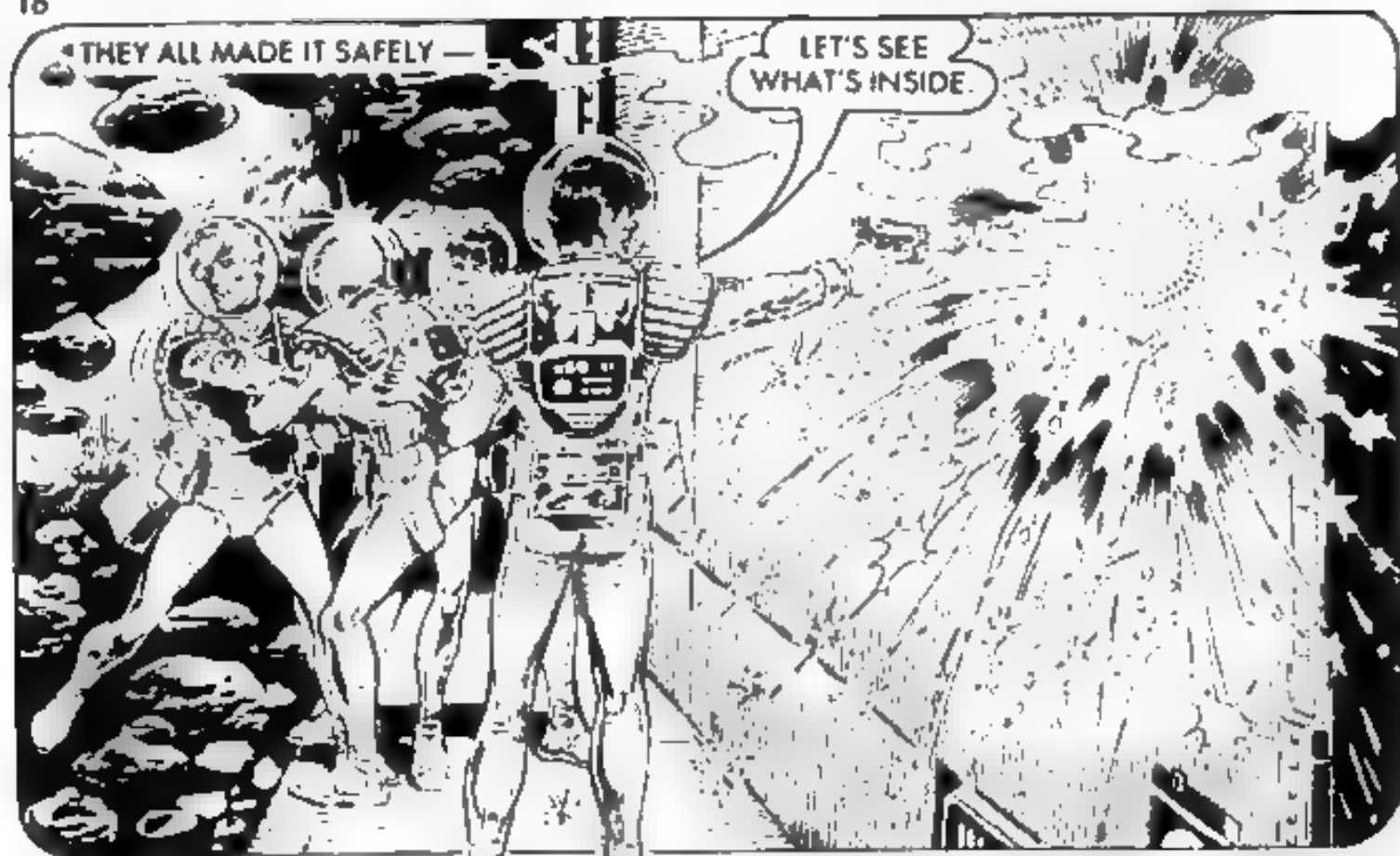
THE ALTERNATING GRAVITY FIELD
MUST BE A SECURITY SYSTEM

THERE MIGHT STILL
BE A WAY ACROSS.



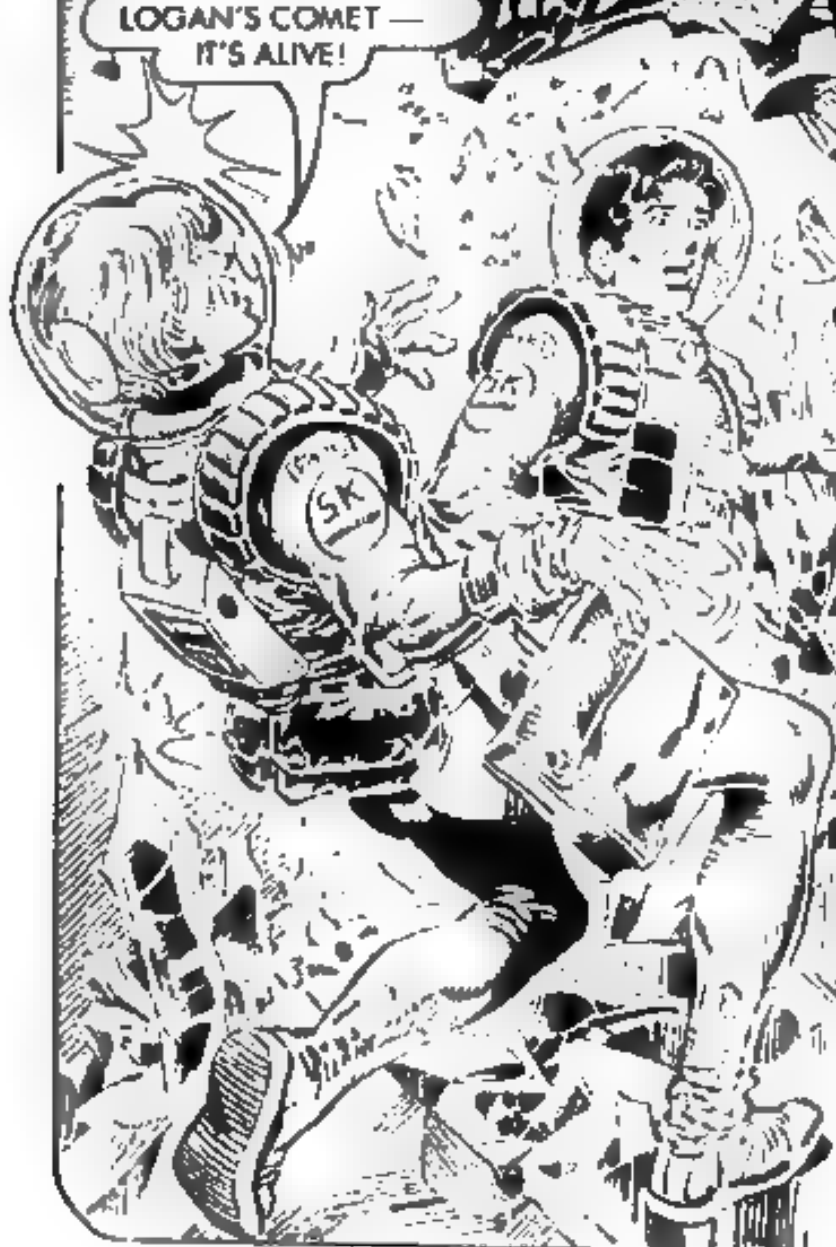
KALE PICKED THE EXACT MOMENT TO JUMP.





AN EAR-SHATTERING ROAR SCARED THE STARKILLERS —

LOGAN'S COMET —
IT'S ALIVE!







THE CREATURE WAS TRICKED INTO THE ALTERNATING GRAVITY FIELD.

NOW!

LET'S MOVE ON — BEFORE MORE
CRYSTALS START COMING TO LIFE!

THE CREATURE WAS SMASHED AGAINST THE LUNAR ROCK.



THE AIRLOCK OPENED WITH THE STARKILLERS FIRING—





THE STARKILLERS FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO CONTROL.

ALL UNITS CONVERGE — WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! CONTROL TO
TARB...

THIS NEURO-GRENADE
WILL SHUT YOU UP!

INSIDE THE CONTROL CENTRE—

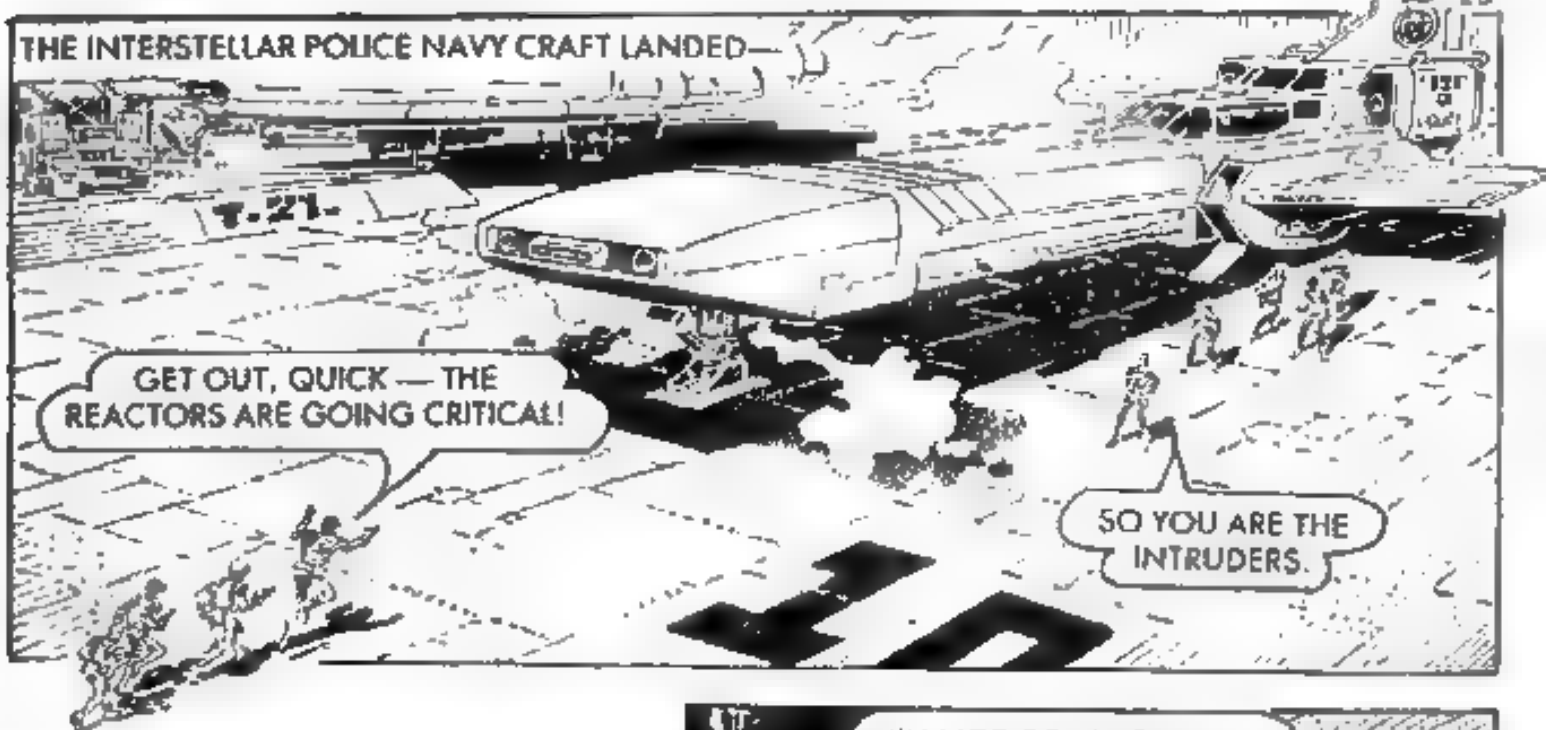
THAT WILL GIVE US
A BREATHING SPACE.

SO TARB USES CRYSTAL CREATURES TO
KEEP TERRANS UNDER CONTROL — AND
THEY ARE CONTROLLED FROM HERE.





THE INTERSTELLAR POLICE NAVY CRAFT LANDED—



GET OUT, QUICK — THE REACTORS ARE GOING CRITICAL!

SO YOU ARE THE INTRUDERS.

TARB WILL WANT TO SEE YOU IN PERSON!



THEY'RE TARB'S MEN.

I'M NOT COMING! HEAD FOR THE NEAREST SHIP.

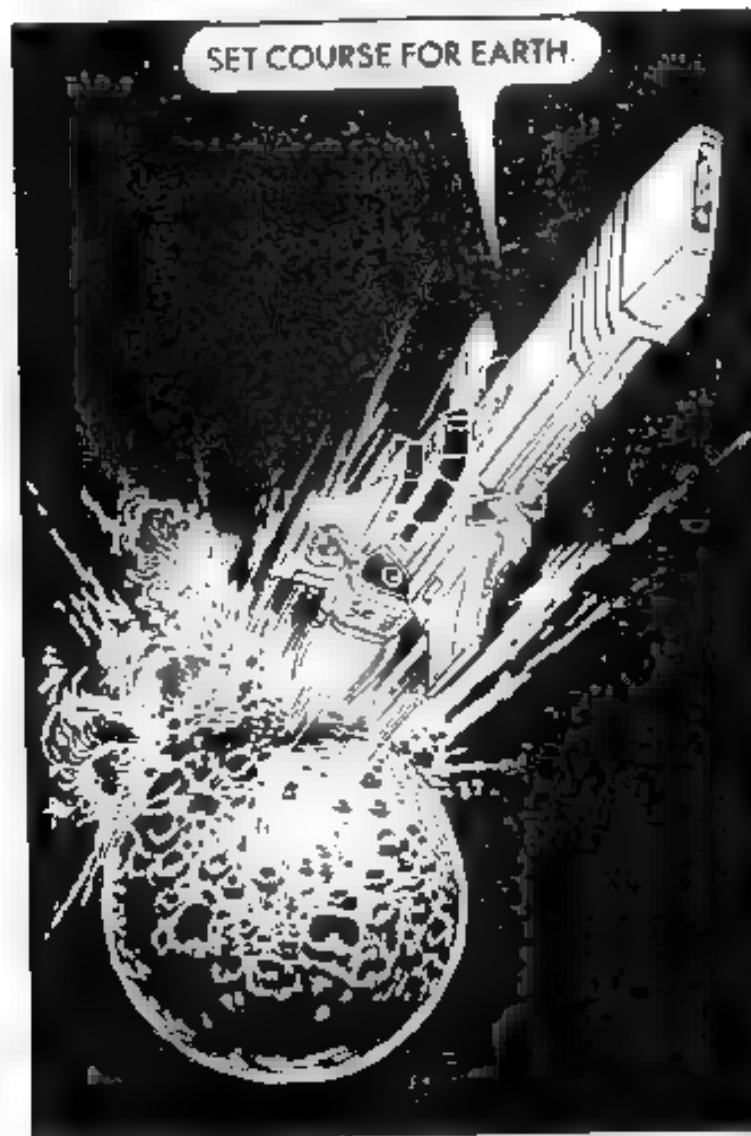


BITE SPACE-DUST!

THE STARKILLERS BLASTED OFF IN THE IPN CRAFT—



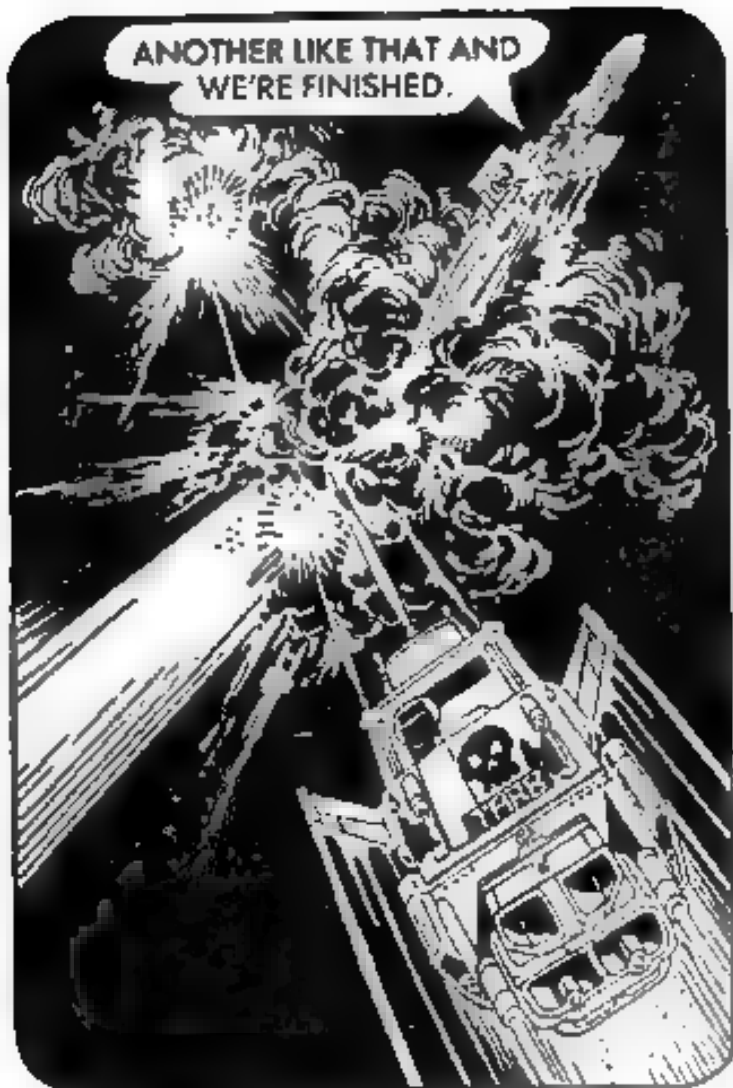
SET COURSE FOR EARTH.



THE STARKILLERS' CRAFT APPROACHED EARTH.



ANOTHER LIKE THAT AND
WE'RE FINISHED.



BUT AS THEY TWISTED AND TURNED ONLY A
FEW HUNDRED FEET FROM THE EARTH'S
SURFACE, HELP ARRIVED—



SOMEONE'S FIRING ON THE
GUNSHIP — DRIVING IT OFF.

THEIR RESCUERS ESCORTED THEM TOWARDS RIFT.

THIS IS AS NEAR TO
THE CITY AS WE CAN MAKE IT.

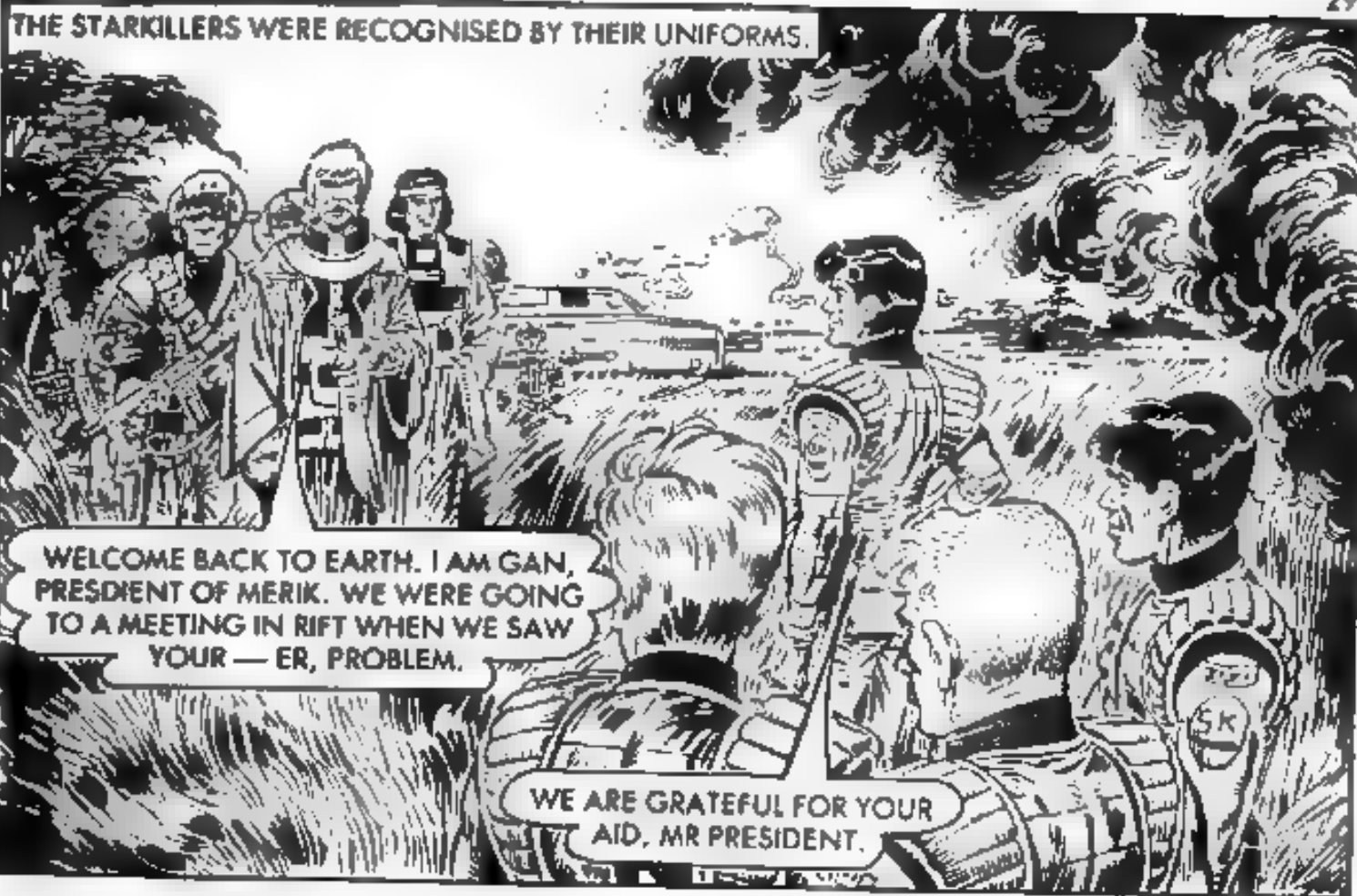
THEY'RE ATTEMPTING
A CRASH LANDING.



KALE LANDED SAFELY—



THE STARKILLERS WERE RECOGNISED BY THEIR UNIFORMS.



WELCOME BACK TO EARTH. I AM GAN, PRESIDENT OF MERIK. WE WERE GOING TO A MEETING IN RIFT WHEN WE SAW YOUR — ER, PROBLEM.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR AID, MR PRESIDENT.

AS THE STARKILLERS WERE EXPLAINING THEIR MISSION.

THE HEADS OF EACH CONTINENT-STATE OF EARTH ARE GATHERING IN RIFT TO PLAN WAYS OF DEFEATING TARB.

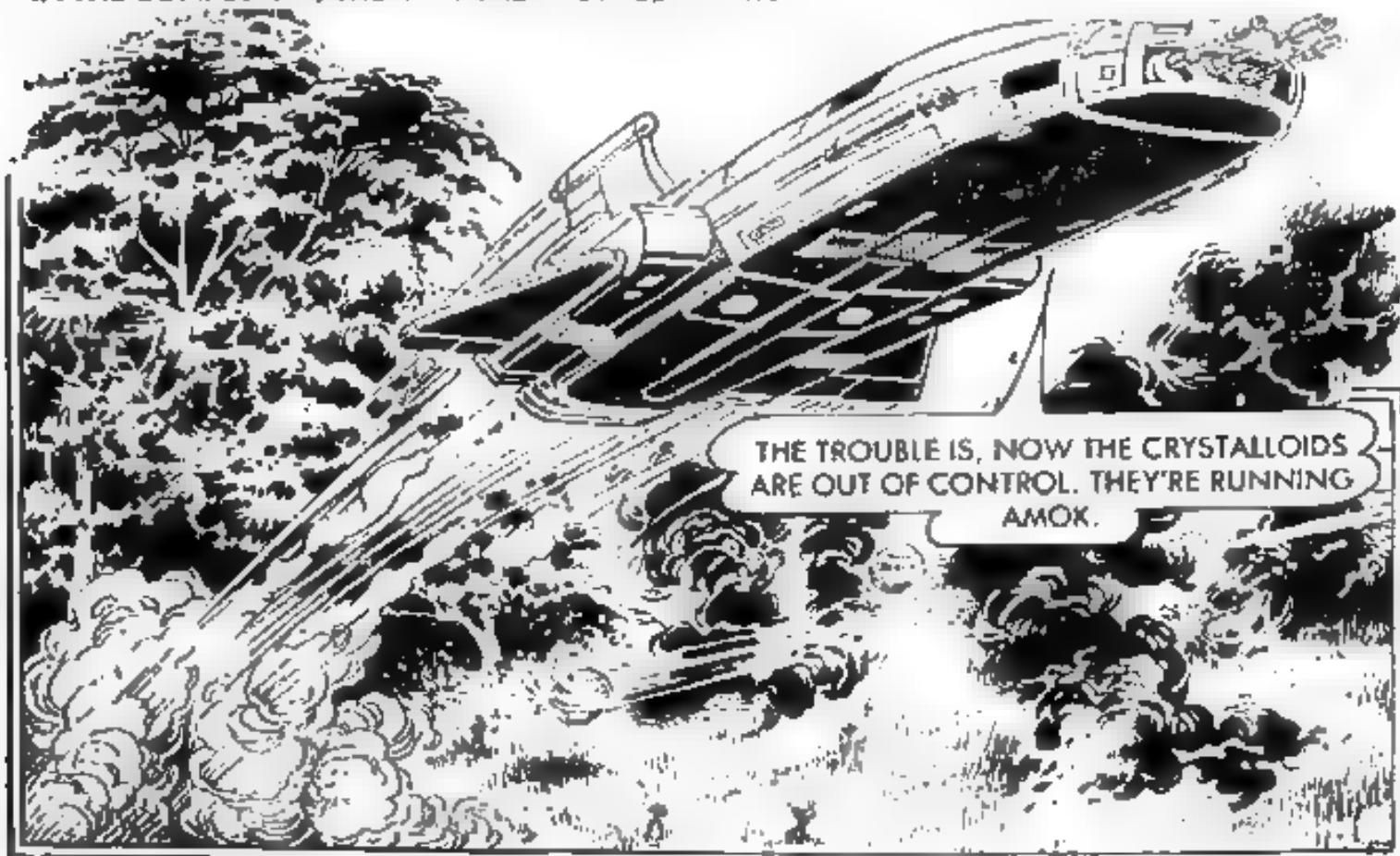
TARB'S MEN — IN HOVER-SPHERES!



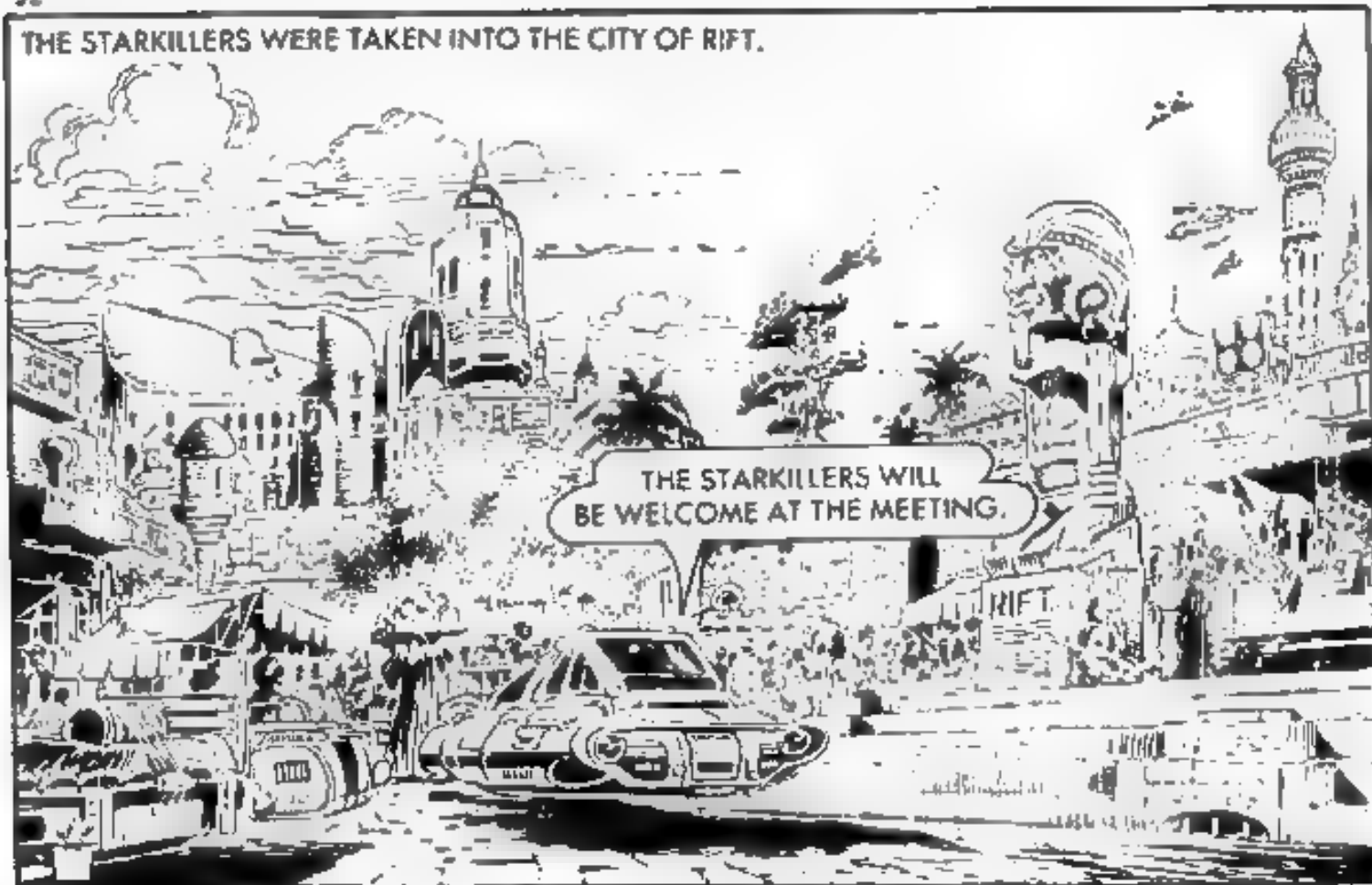
THE CRYSTALLOIDS IGNORED THE EARTHERS.



IN THE CONFUSION, THE EARTHMEN SLIPPED AWAY.



THE STARKILLERS WERE TAKEN INTO THE CITY OF RIFT.



THEY MET THE HEADS OF AFRIK, ASHA, AUST AND U-ROP, THE OTHER CONTINENT-STATES OF EARTH.






THE STARKILLERS LED AN ASSAULT FORCE.



THE HYPERSPACE NET IS GENERATED FROM A STATION UNDER TARB'S CONTROL.



THE STARKILLERS HAVE SUCH WEAPONS. IF WE DESTROY THE HYPERSPACE NET, THEY CAN BE BEAMED IN TO US!

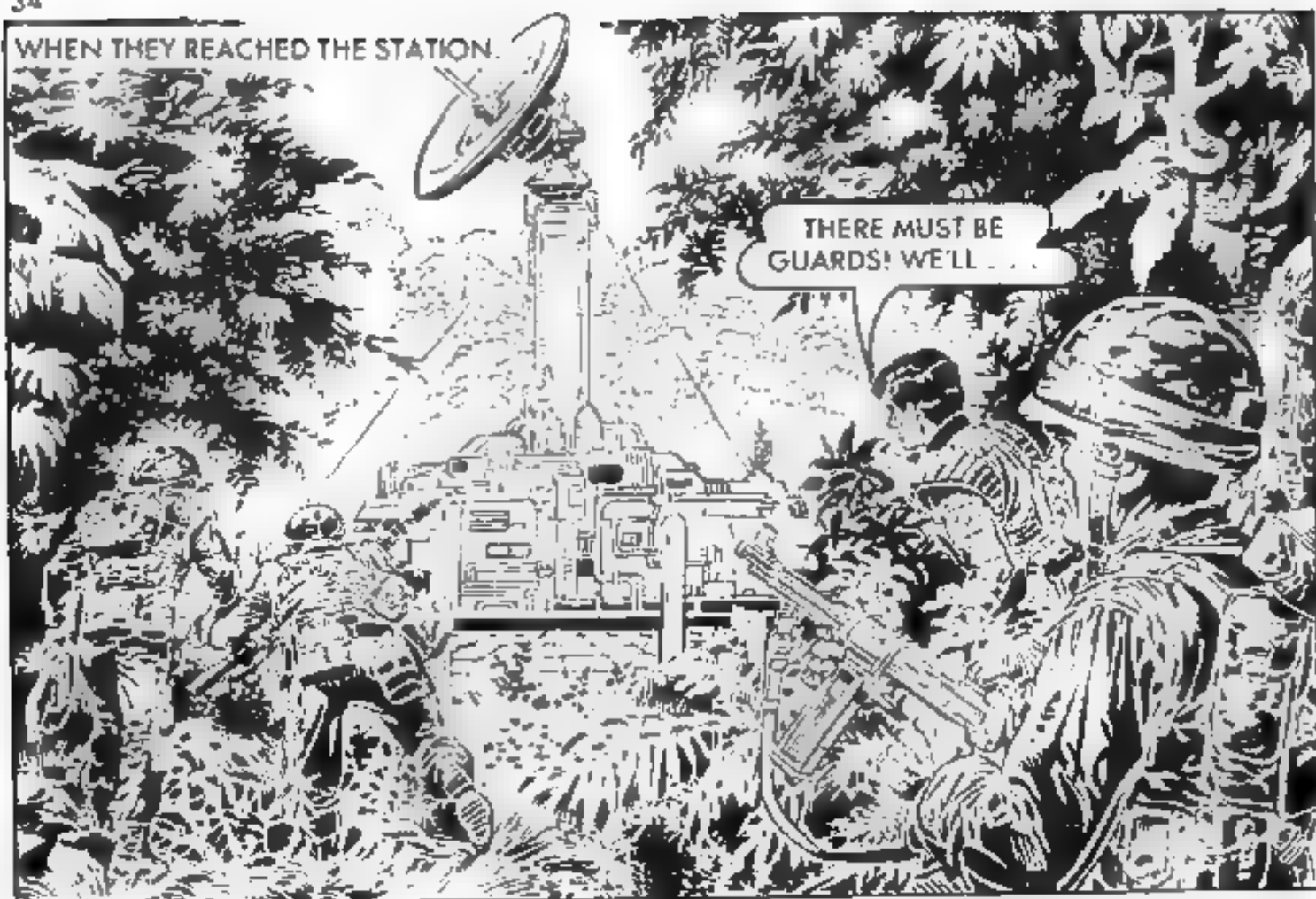
THE EARTH ARMIES WERE WELL-TRAINED, BUT THEY HAD ONLY OUTDATED WEAPONS.



THE GENERATING STATION WAS IN THE JUNGLES OF SOUTH MERIK.

WE'LL LAND HERE AND APPROACH ON FOOT.

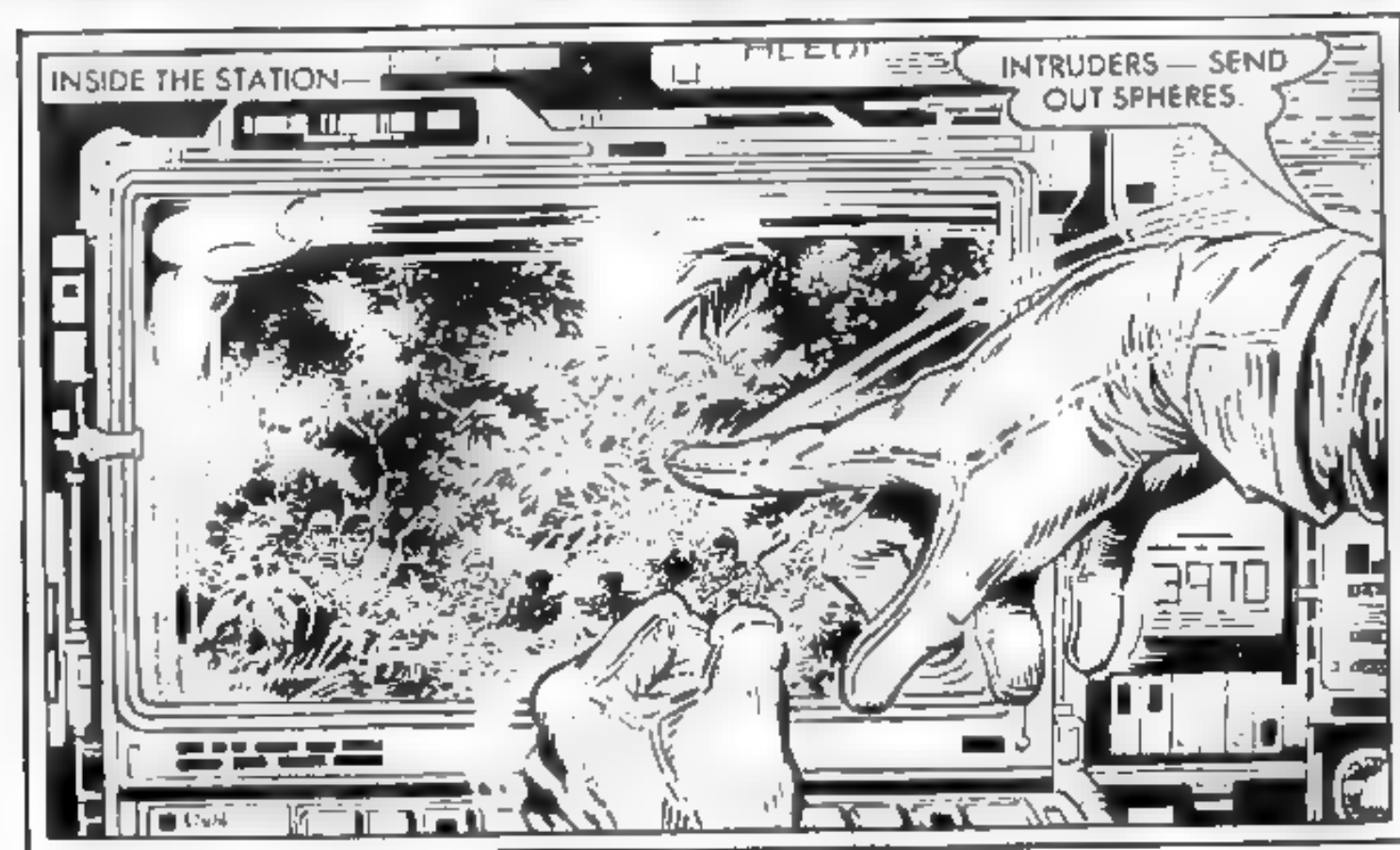
WHEN THEY REACHED THE STATION.

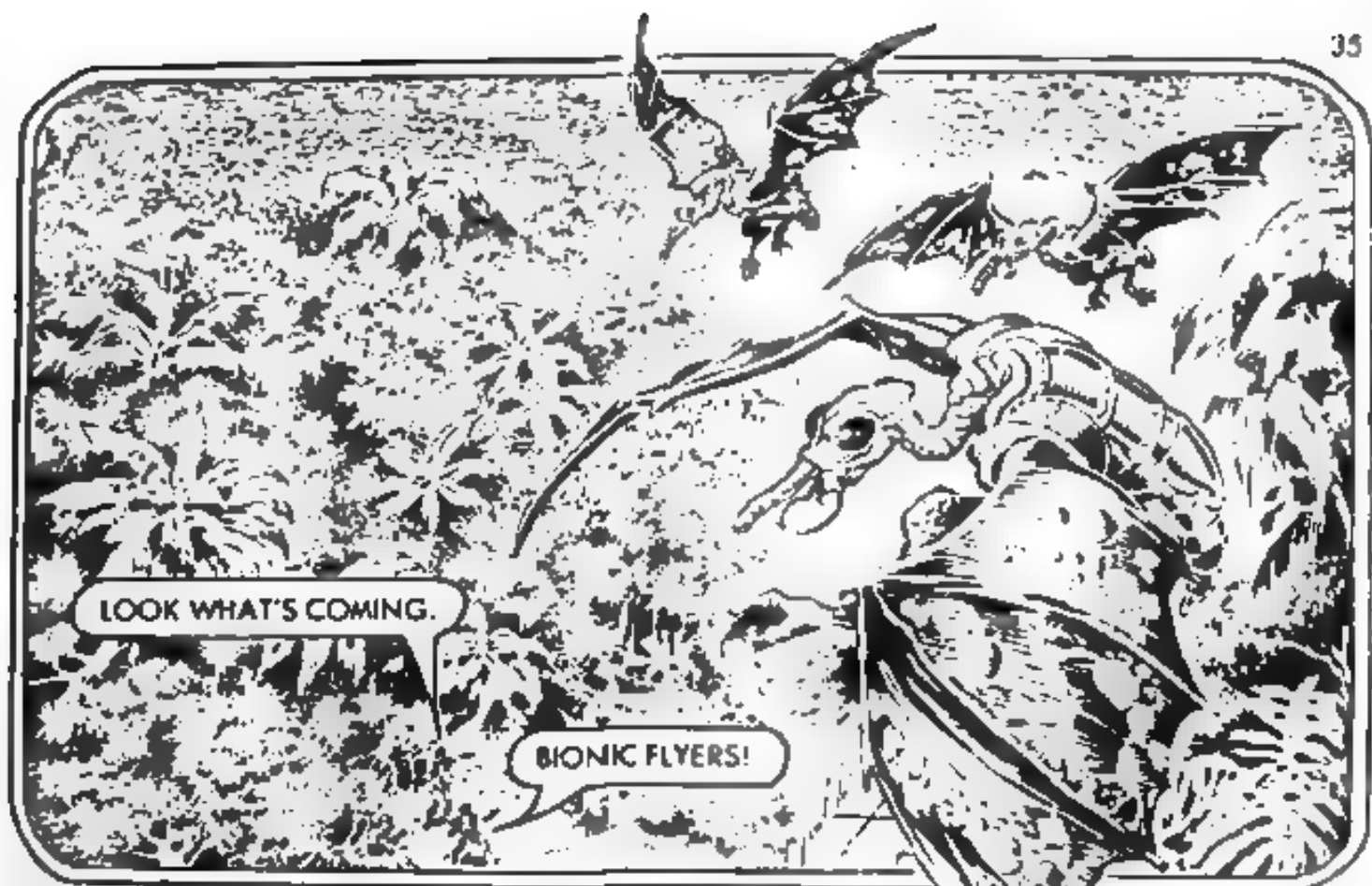


INSIDE THE STATION—

FILED

INTRUDERS — SEND
OUT SPHERES.





LOOK WHAT'S COMING.

BIONIC FLYERS!

THE BIONIC FLYERS WERE SAVAGE, HALF-MACHINE CREATURES USED BY TARB TO PROTECT THE REMOTE STATION.

KILL THE FLESH CREATURES!

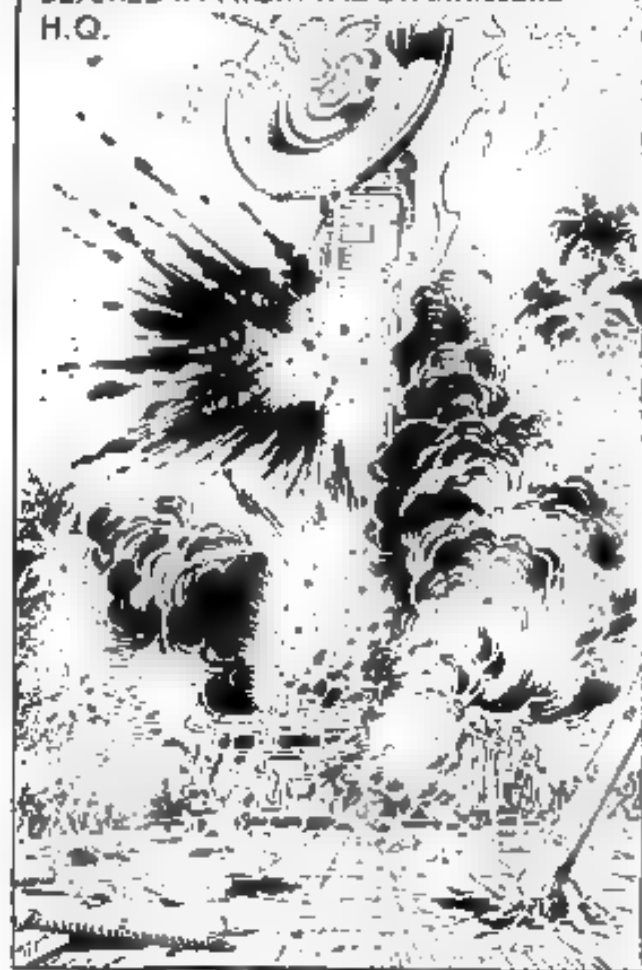




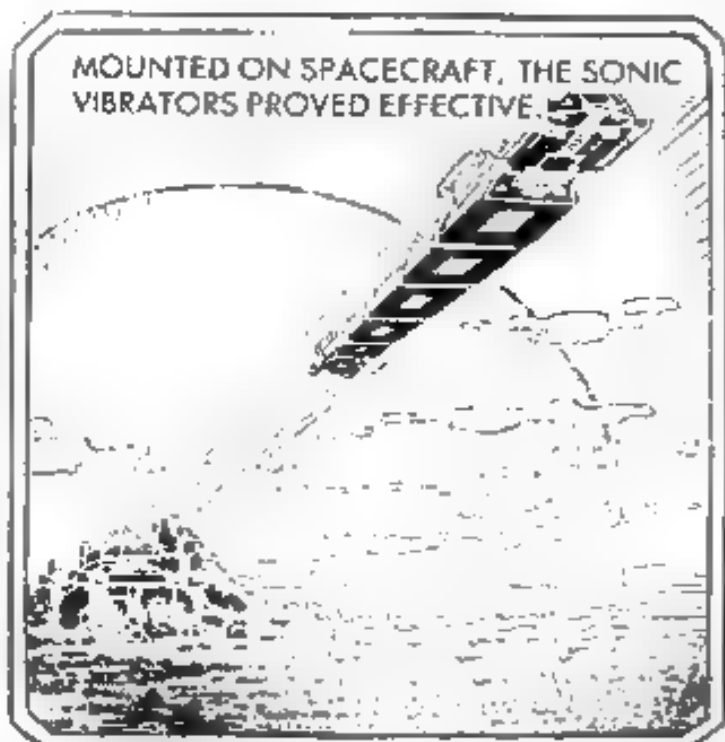
ALL THE FLYERS WERE EVENTUALLY DESTROYED.

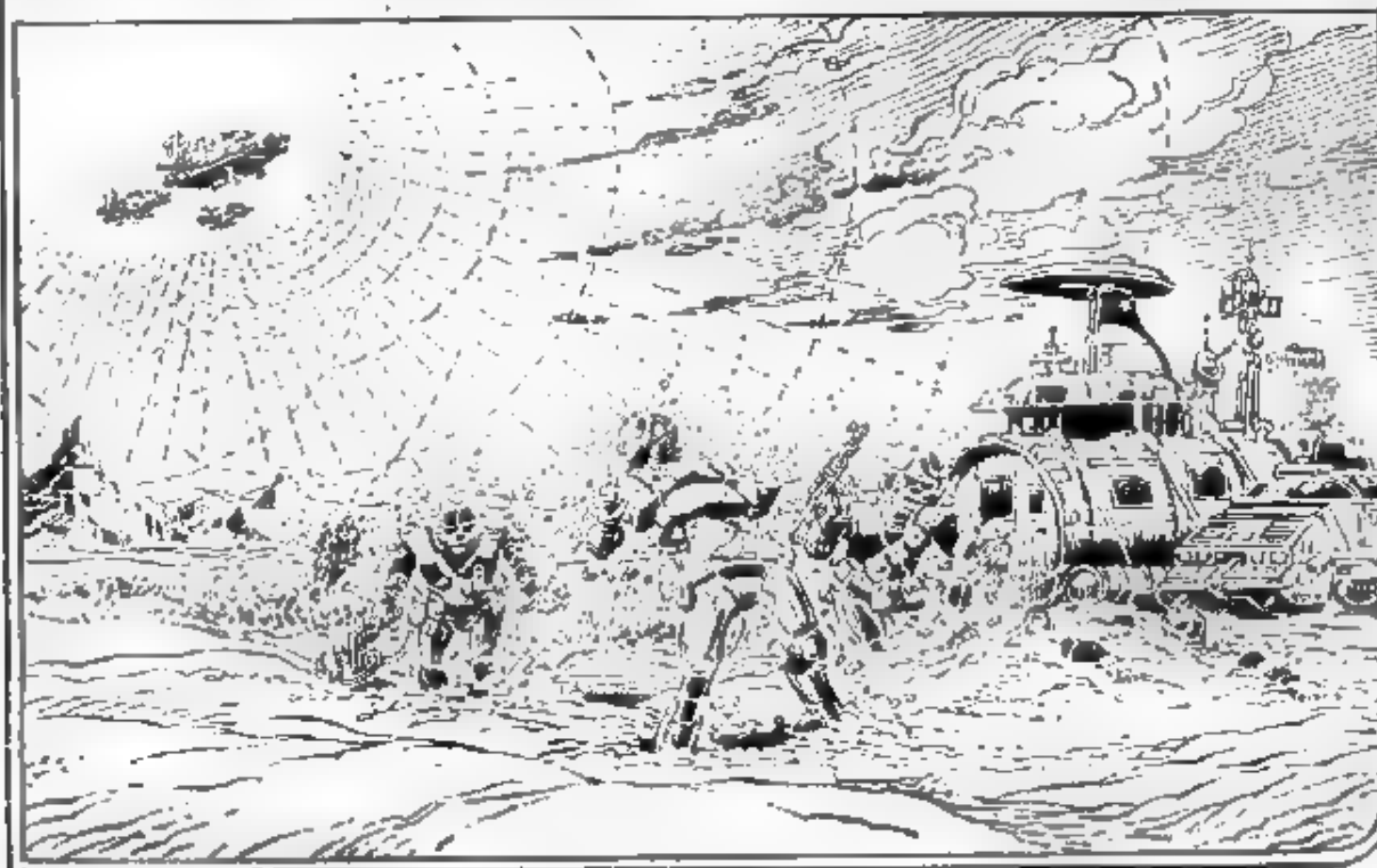
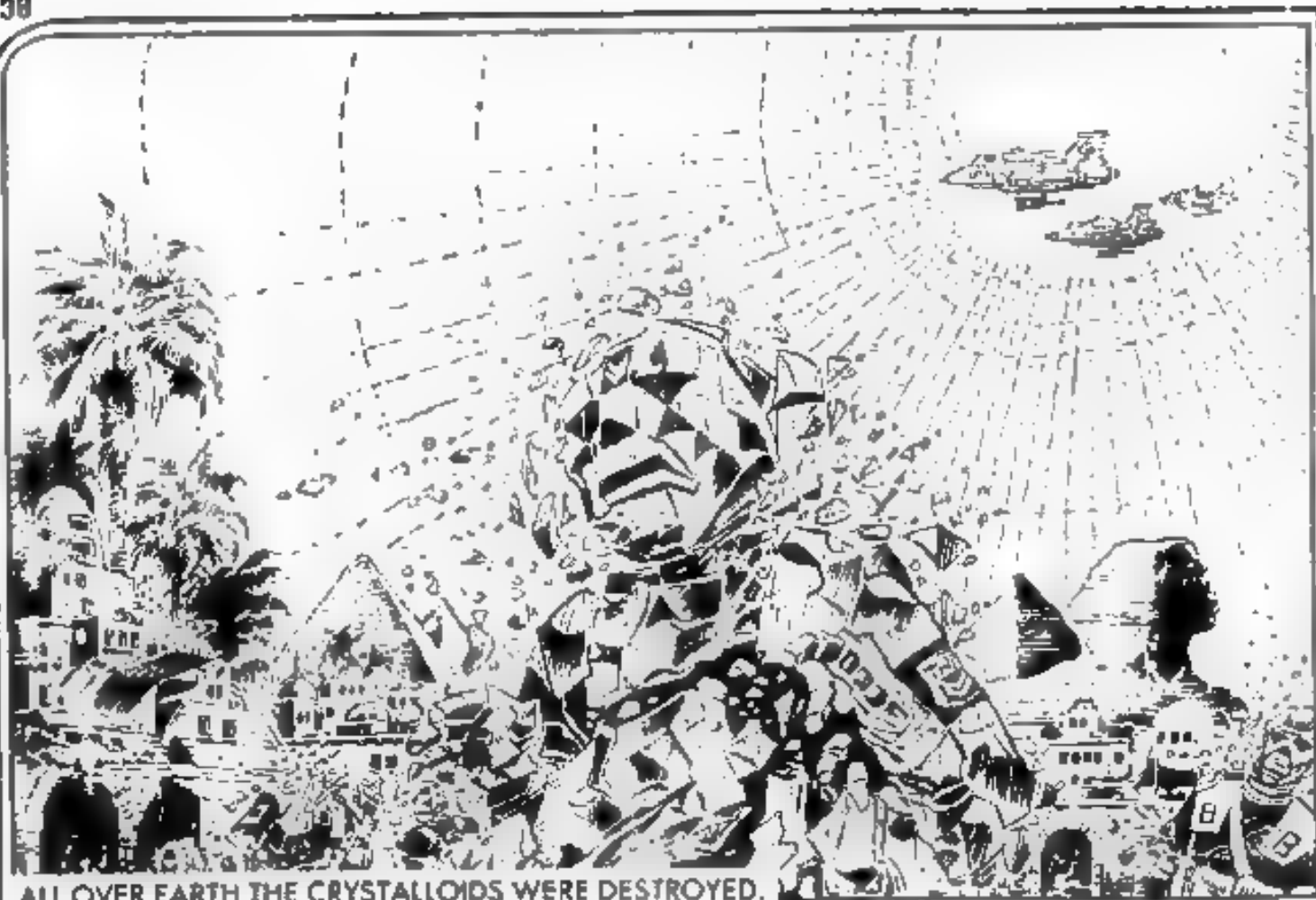


THE HYPERSPACE NET WAS DESTROYED AND SONIC VIBRATORS BEAMED IN FROM THE STARKILLERS' H.Q.



MOUNTED ON SPACECRAFT, THE SONIC VIBRATORS PROVED EFFECTIVE.





IN HIS HEADQUARTERS IN G-BRIT, TARB LEARNED OF THE DESTRUCTION.



HUGE ARTICULATED WAR TOWERS STRODE OUT—

■ THEY DARE TO APPROACH G-BRIT, THEY'LL GET MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE.



MEANWHILE, THE STARKILLERS RETURNED TO RIFT.

WITHOUT HIS ARMY OF CRYSTALLOIDS, TARB IS ON THE DEFENSIVE. HIS PATROLS HAVE RETREATED TO HIS FORTRESS.

GATHER YOUR FORCES ON THE COAST OF U-ROP. WE WILL ATTACK BY LAND!

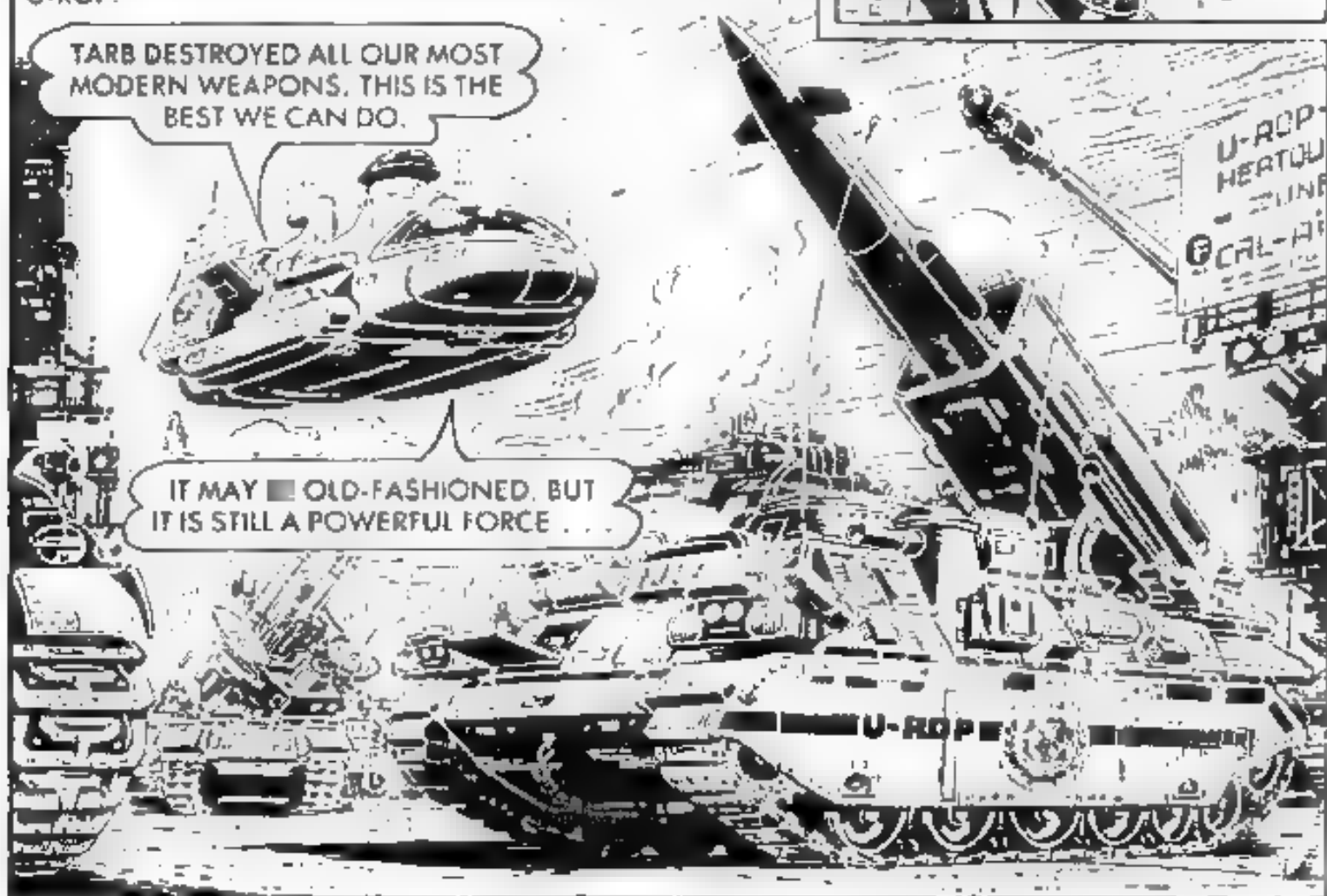
BUT THE DARKLAND OF G-BRIT IS PROTECTED FROM AIR ATTACK BY A FORCE UMBRELLA. TARB IS UNASSAILABLE.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE — G-BRIT IS AN ISLAND.

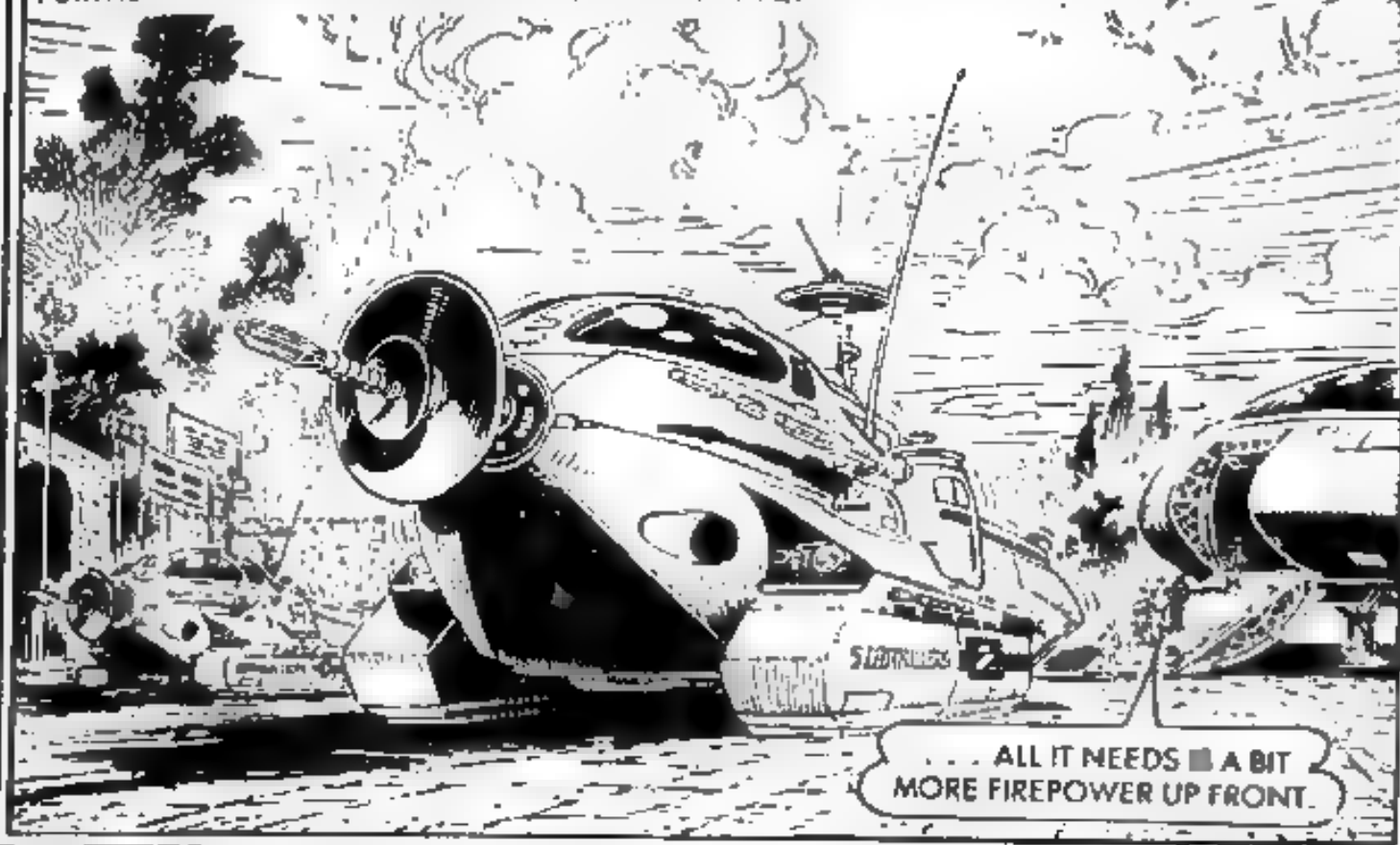
ALL THE AVAILABLE WAR-MACHINES WERE BROUGHT TO U-ROP.

TARB DESTROYED ALL OUR MOST MODERN WEAPONS. THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO.

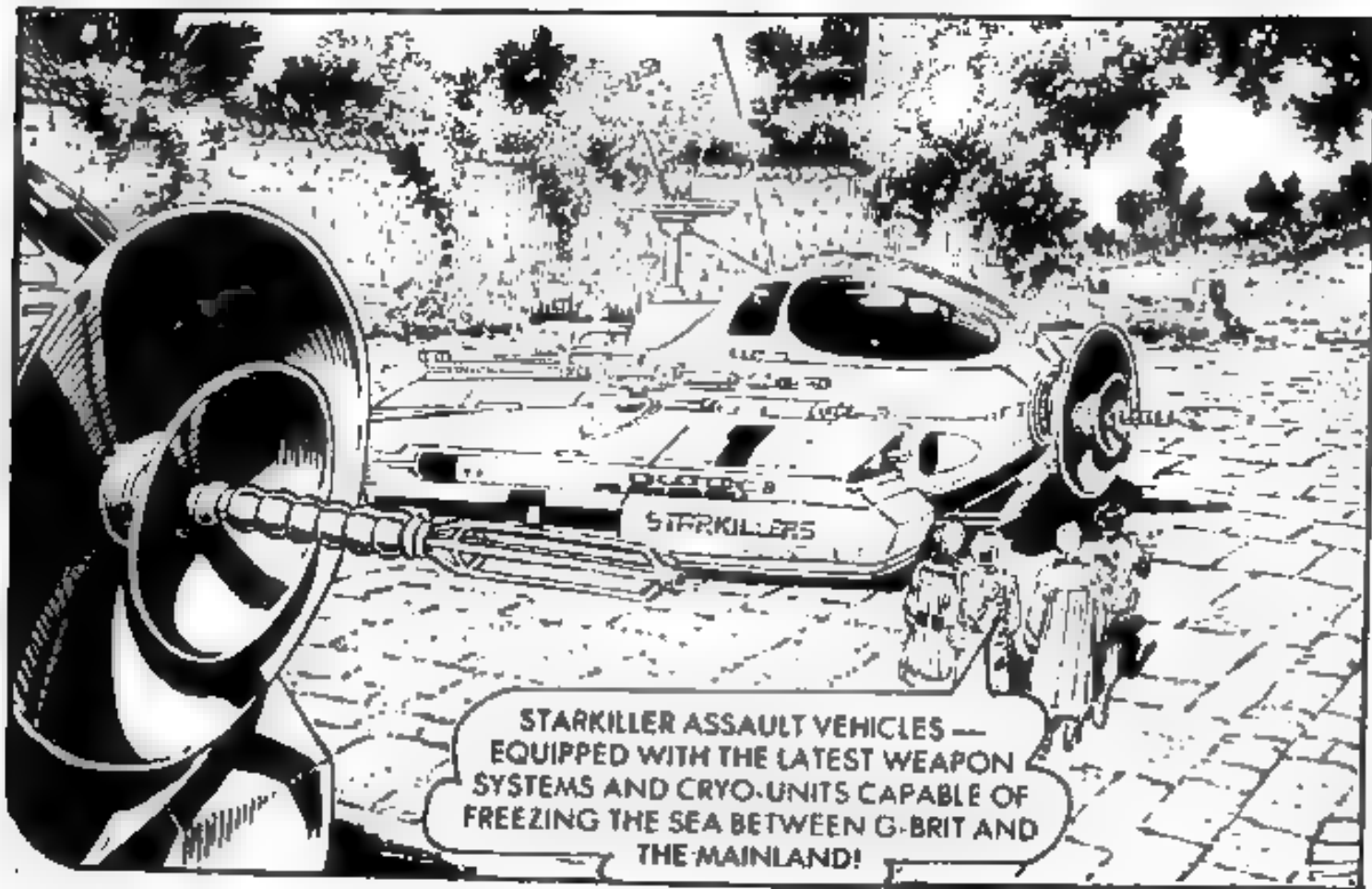
IT MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED, BUT IT IS STILL A POWERFUL FORCE.



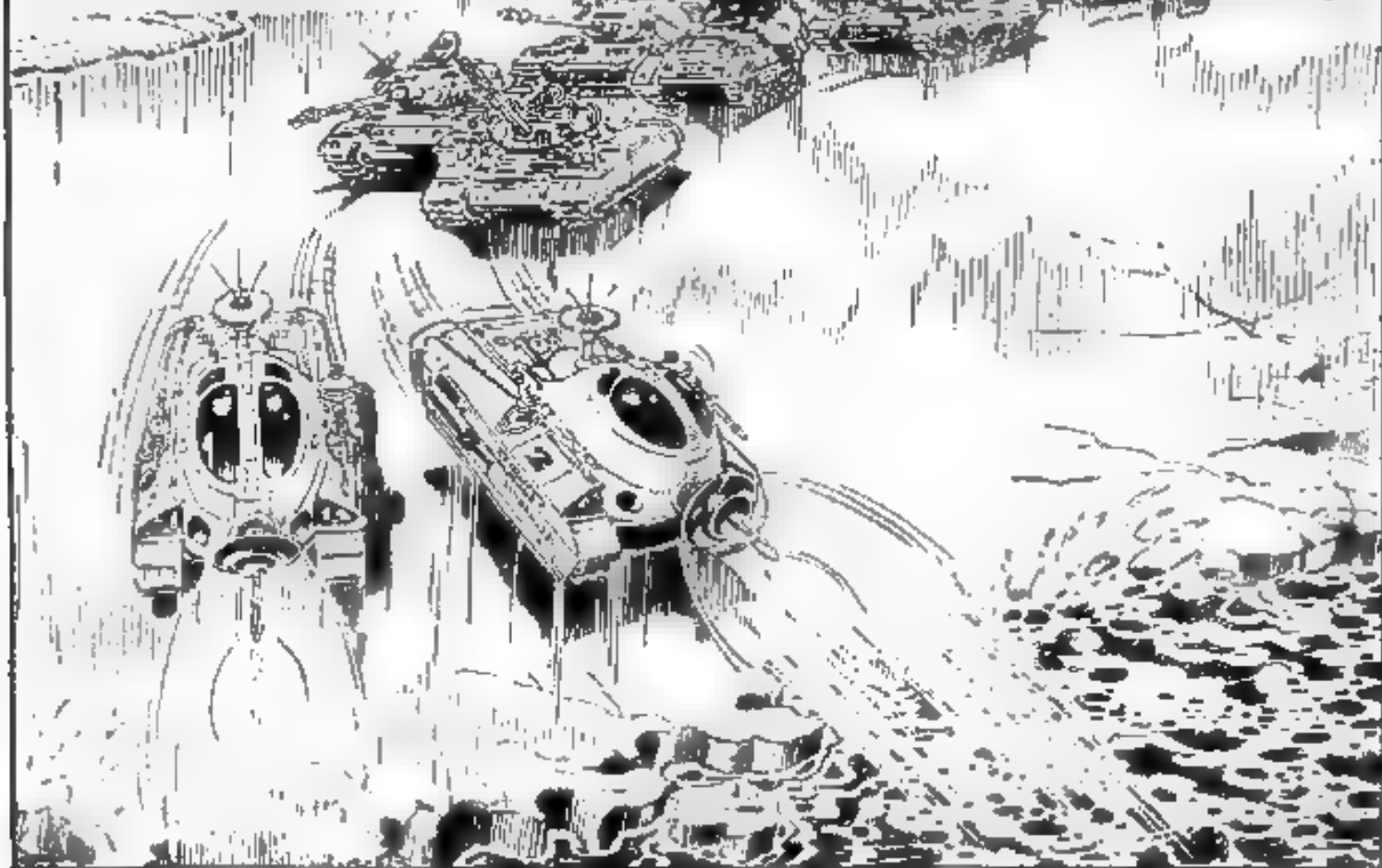
FURTHER AID WAS BEAMED ■ FROM STARKILLER H.Q.



STARKILLER ASSAULT VEHICLES —
EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST WEAPON
SYSTEMS AND CRYO-UNITS CAPABLE OF
FREEZING THE SEA BETWEEN G-BRIT AND
THE MAINLAND!



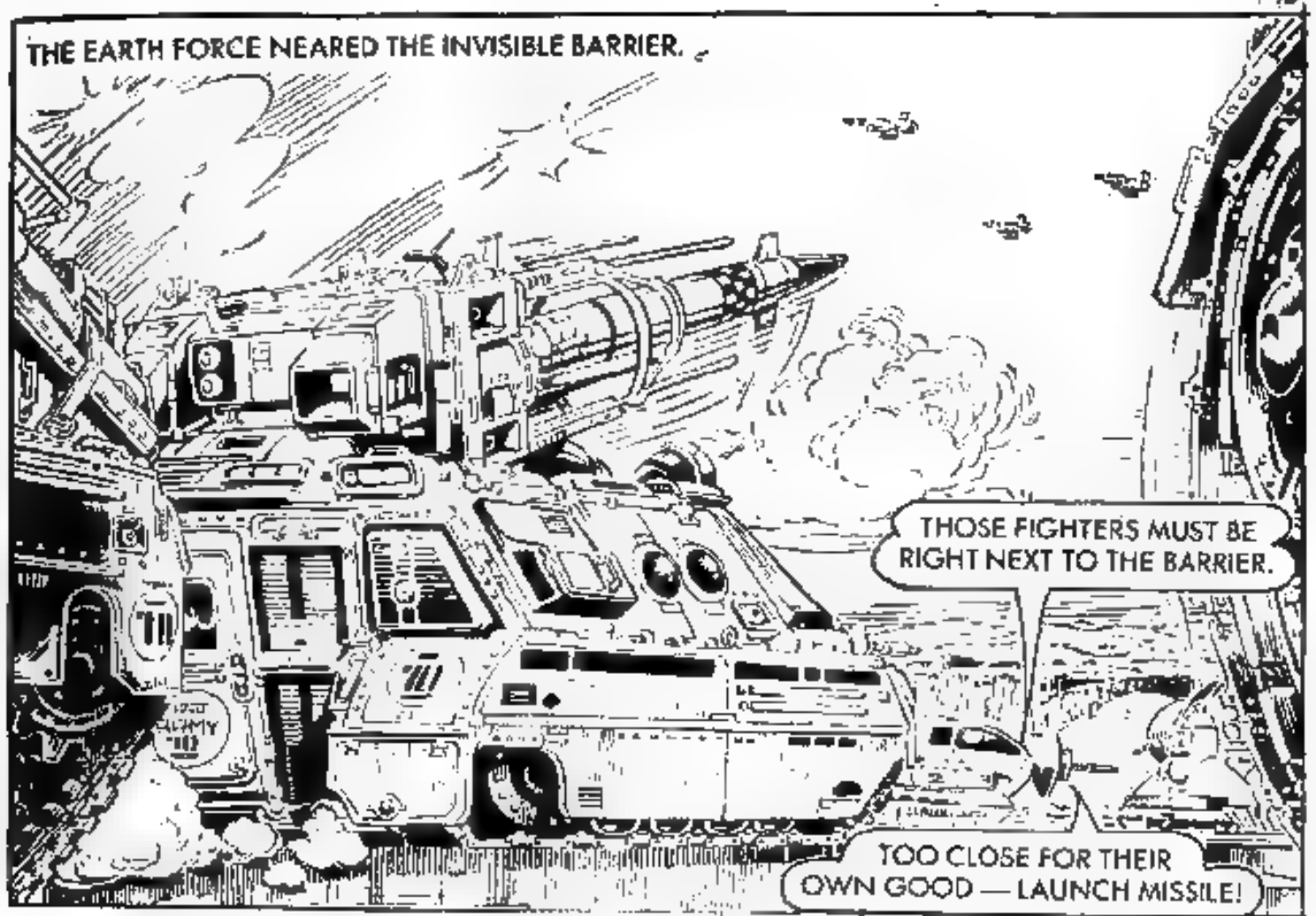
WITH THE STARKILLERS IN THE LEAD, THE EARTH FORCE SET OFF ACROSS THE FROZEN CHANNEL TOWARDS G-BRIT.



AS THEY APPROACHED THE COAST.



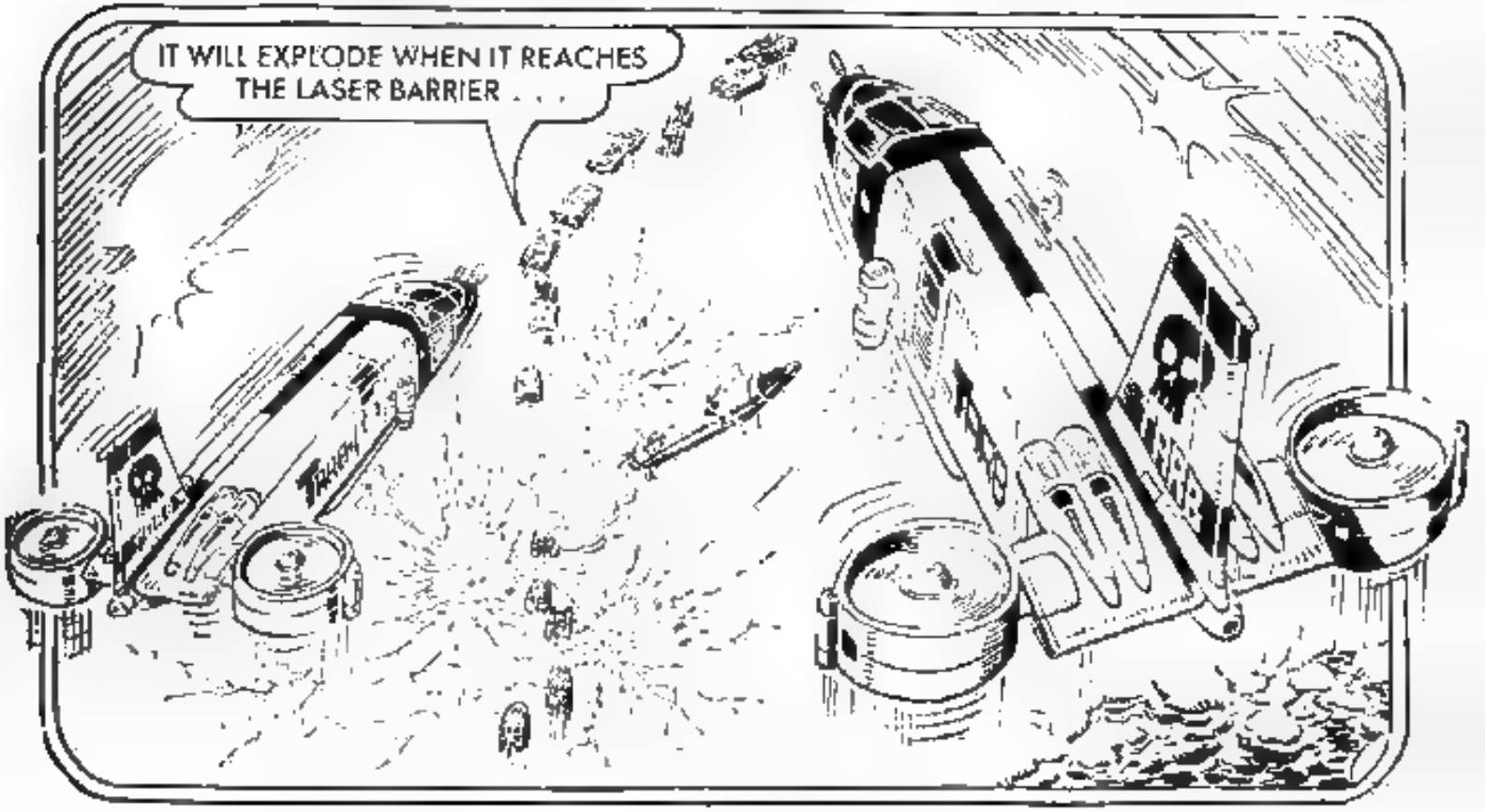
THE EARTH FORCE NEARED THE INVISIBLE BARRIER.



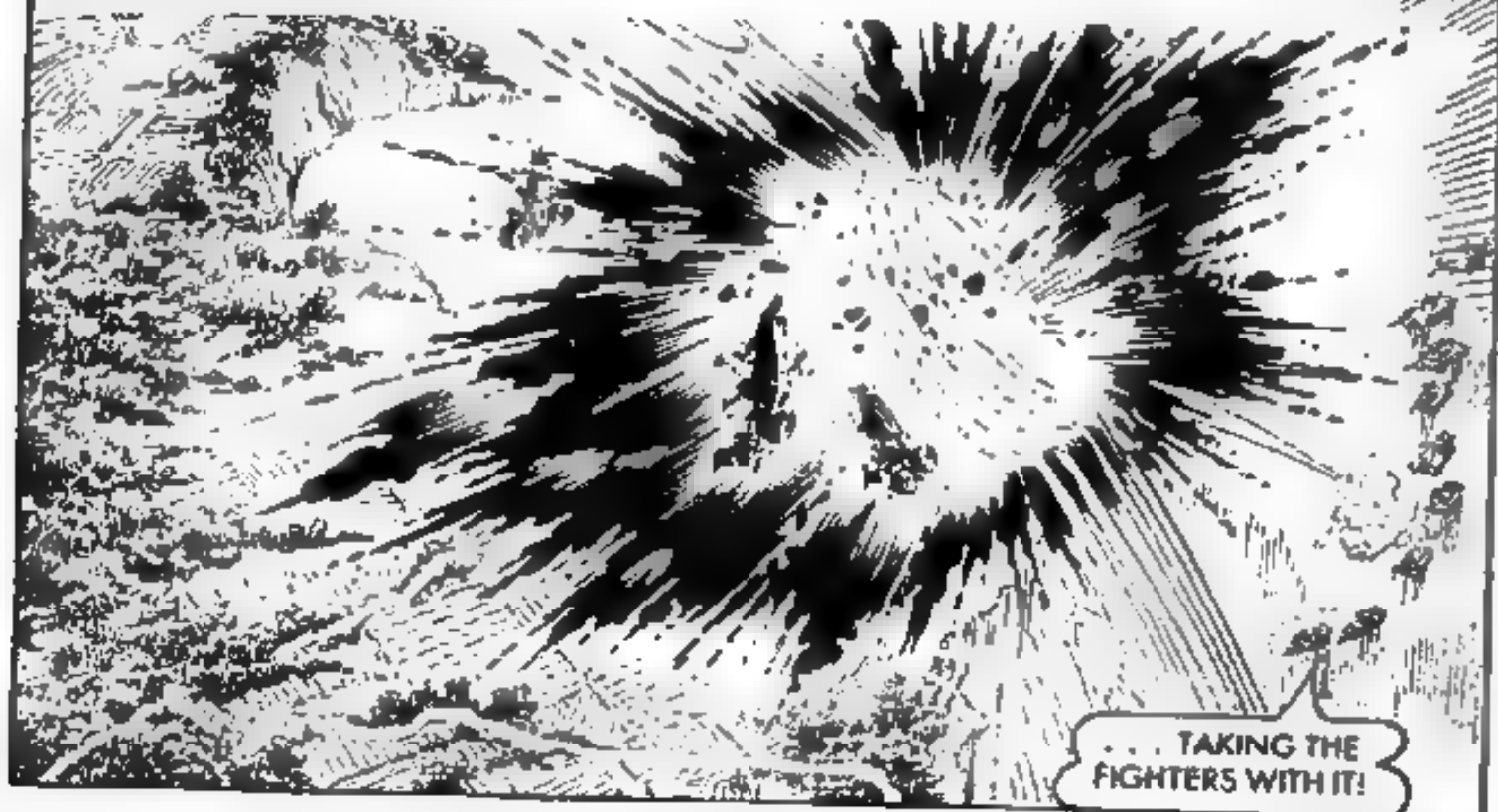
THOSE FIGHTERS MUST BE RIGHT NEXT TO THE BARRIER.

TOO CLOSE FOR THEIR OWN GOOD — LAUNCH MISSILE!

IT WILL EXPLODE WHEN IT REACHES THE LASER BARRIER . . .



USING NEUTRON ENERGY, THE MISSILES EXPLODED AGAINST THE BARRIER. THE FIGHTERS COULD NOT ESCAPE THE BLAST.



... TAKING THE
FIGHTERS WITH IT!

THEY TRAVELLED INLAND, THROUGH A HOLE IN THE WEAKENED FORCE UMBRELLA.

THE RUINS OF LOND — ONCE
THE LARGEST CITY IN G-BRIT.



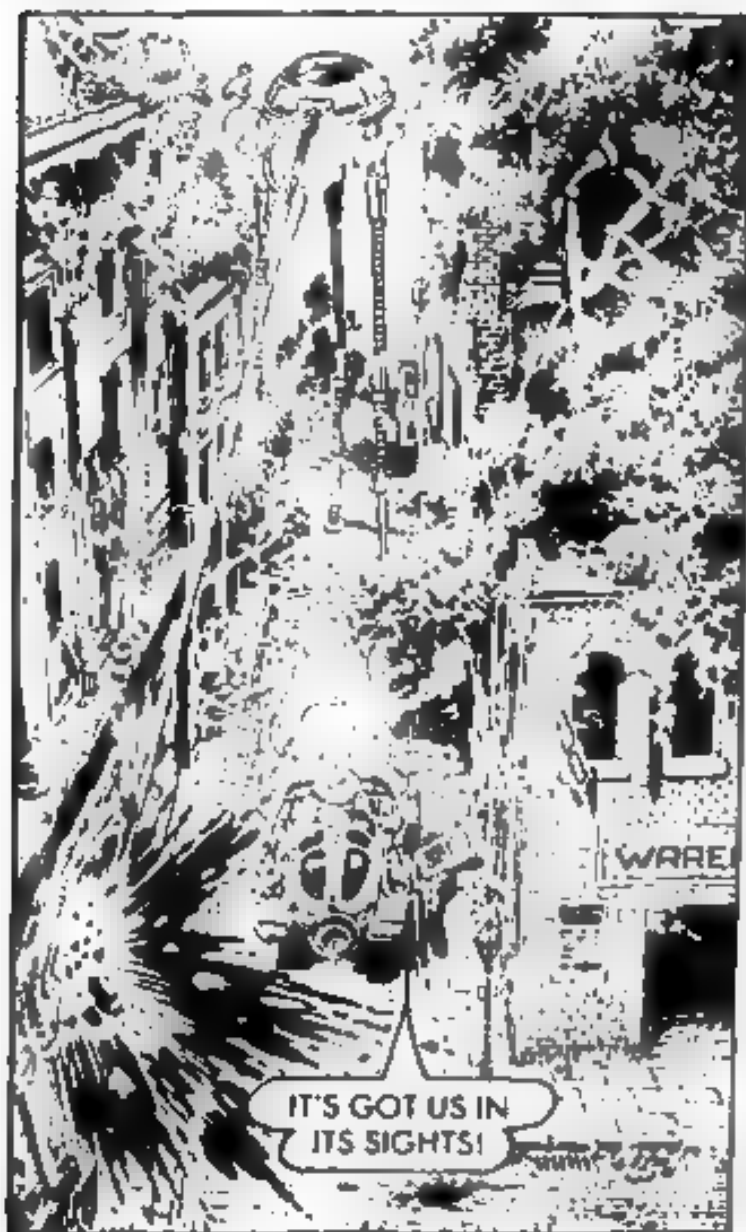
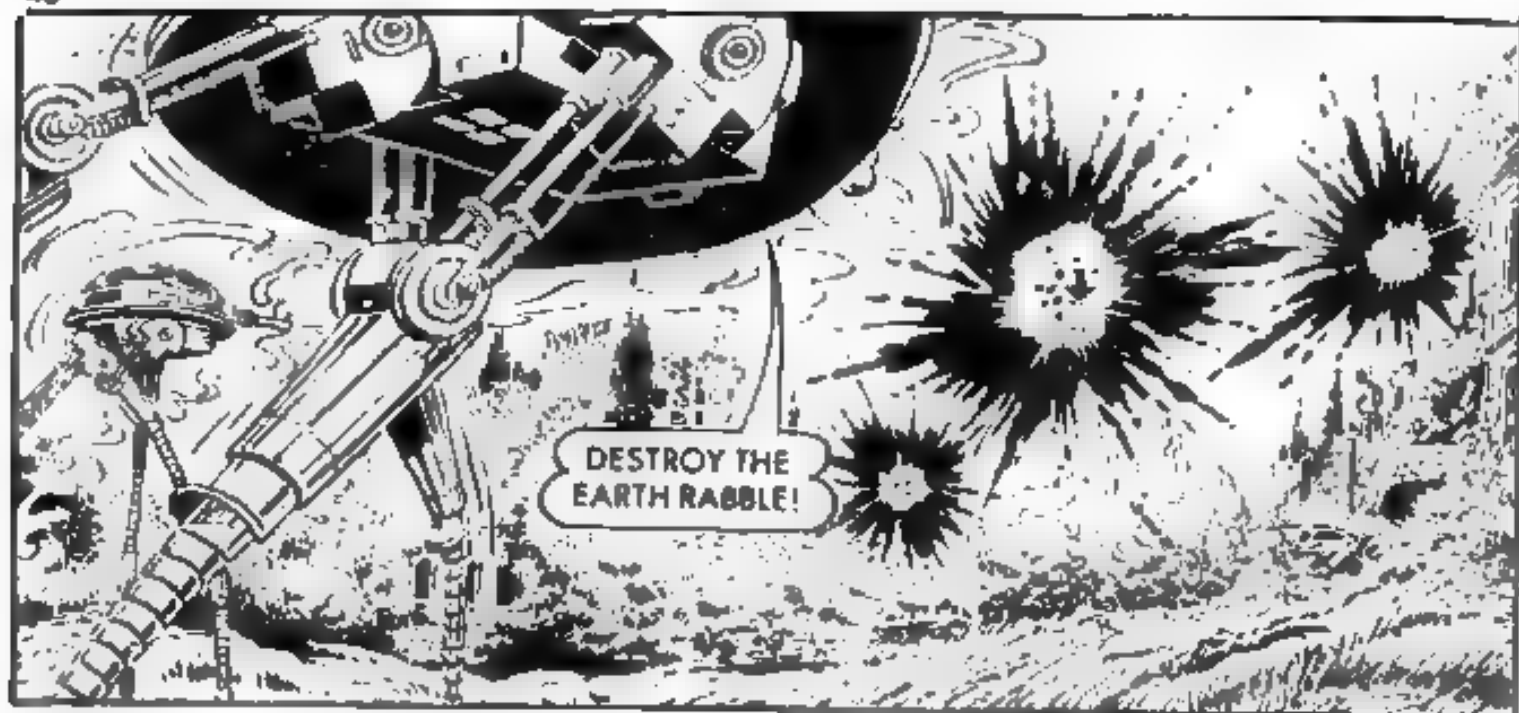
THEY REACHED THE RUINED CITY.

MULTIPLE ENERGY SOURCES
SHOWING UP AHEAD.

HERE COMES TROUBLE!

WHAT IN THE SEVEN GALACTIC HELLS ARE
THOSE! SOME DIABOLICAL CREATION OF TARB.





INSIDE THE STRIDER —

TARB'S ORDERS ARE TO DESTROY THE STARKILLERS AT ALL COST. BLAST THE ENTIRE BUILDING!

WHAT THE . . . ???

A TIDE OF POORLY-ARMED BUT DETERMINED HUMANS SWARMED TO THE AID OF THE CONVOY.

THE PEOPLE OF G-BRIT
— ATTACKING US!

DEATH TO TARB!

THE STARKILLERS EMERGED —

BRITS — THEY DON'T HAVE A
HOPE AGAINST THOSE MACHINES.

BUT THEY'VE GIVEN US ENOUGH TIME TO
FIGHT BACK — ACTIVATE THE CRYO-
UNIT.!

IF WE CAN JUST FREEZE
THE JOINTS...

HURRY, OR IT WILL
KILL THEM ALL!

ITS JOINTS RIGID, THE STRIDER LOST BALANCE . . .



... AND SMASHED TO THE GROUND.

THE OTHERS SOON FOLLOWED —



HERN, THIS IS POL. AIM YOUR CRYO AT
THEIR LEGS — IT'S LIKE THEY'D BEEN
POLE-AXED!

POL

AT LAST WE HAVE STRUCK
BACK AT TARB!



INSIDE HIS BASE, TARB WAS FURIOUS.

MY STRIDERS CRUSHED!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?

BRITS, LORD TARB, THEY ESCAPED FROM
THE COMPOUNDS AND CAME TO THE AID
OF THE INTRUDERS.





SOON THE SPACE-VERMIN
WILL TURN NORTHWARDS.
LET THEM COME — TO
THEIR DOOM!



MEANWHILE —



STARKILLERS! WHO ELSE
COULD STAND AGAINST TARB?

WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE
WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.

NOW WE MUST STRIKE OUR
ENEMY IN HIS OWN LAIR.



WE WILL JOIN YOU.

THE EARTH FORCE LEFT LOND.



THEY HEADED TOWARDS TARB'S FORTRESS.

WE COULD PICK THEM
OFF ONE AT A TIME.

ORDERS ARE TO HOLD OFF — TARB'S
GOT A NASTY SURPRISE IN STORE FOR
THEM!



IN TARB'S HQ —

THEY ARE APPROACHING, LORD TARB.

EXCELLENT — RAISE
THE THERMAL TOWERS!

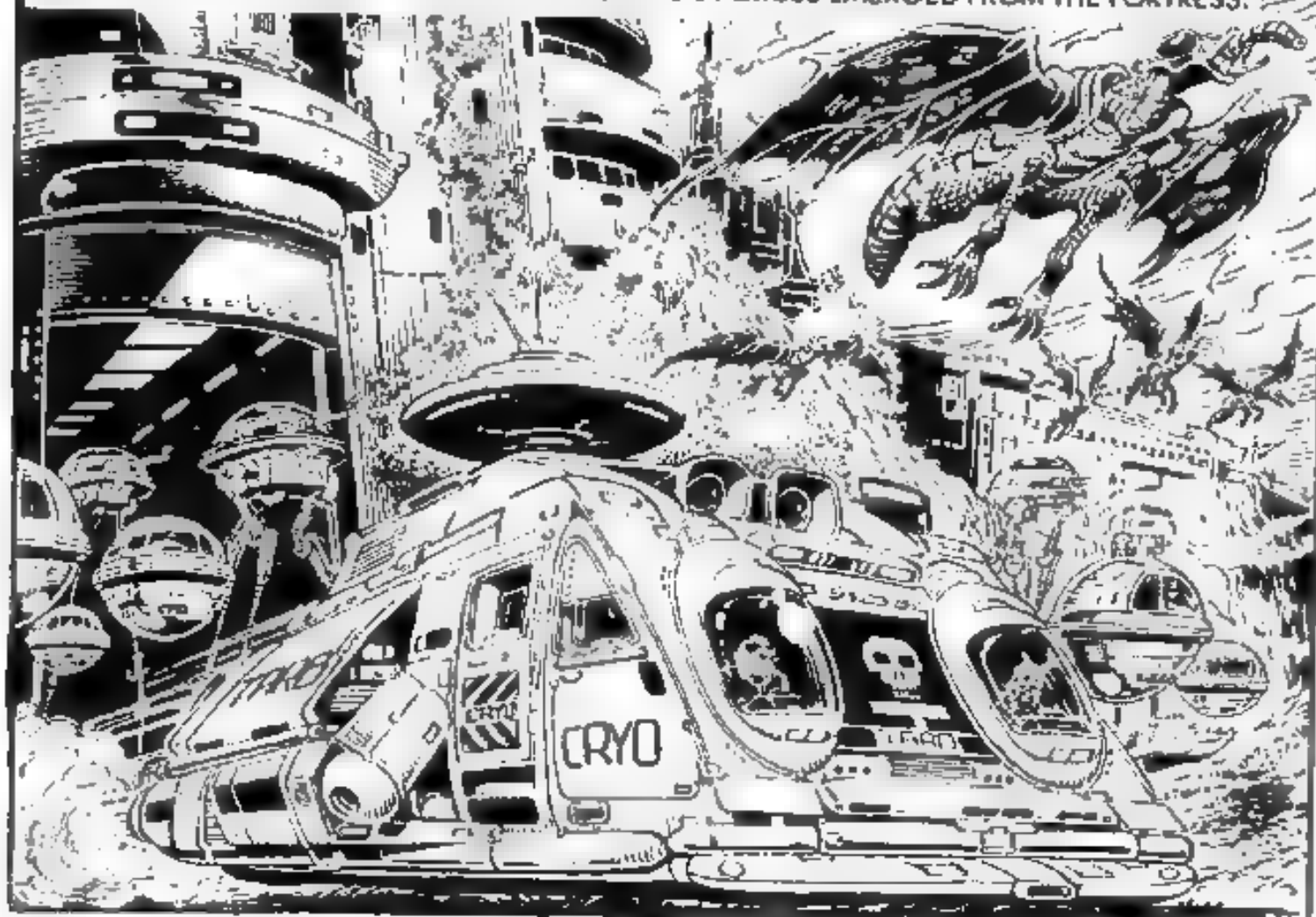
THE TOWERS ROSE BEFORE
THE EARTH FORCE . . .

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

... AND BURNED A PATH OF DEATH TOWARDS THEM.

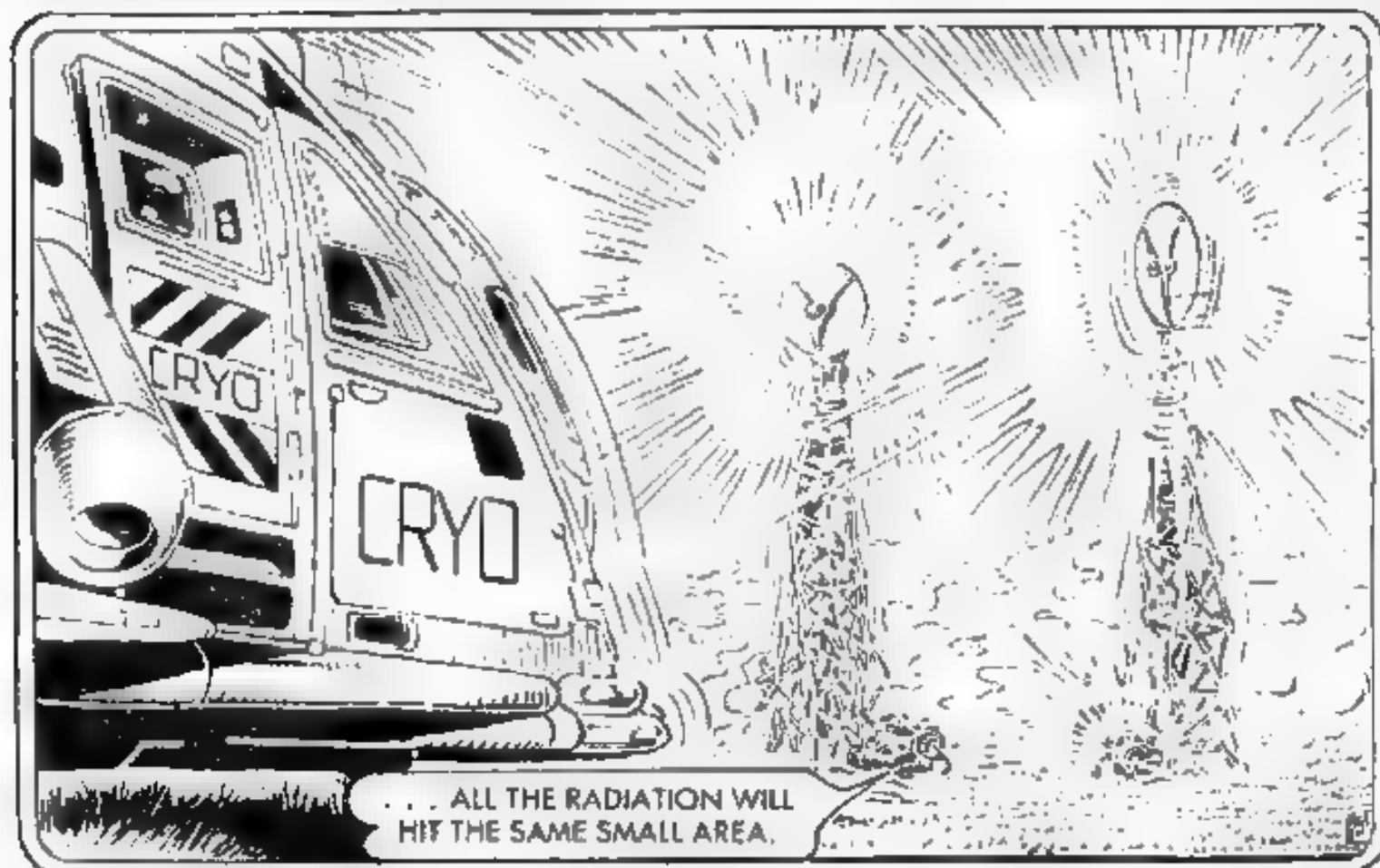


MEANWHILE, WITH THEIR OWN CRYO-UNIT, TARB'S FORCES EMERGED FROM THE FORTRESS.



TARB'S LAUNCHING A NEW ATTACK! WE
MUST TURN THE THERMAL TOWERS
AGAINST THEM.





EVEN THE CRYO-UNIT COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE CONCENTRATED THERMAL POWER OF BOTH TOWERS.



ZAPPED 'EM TO STARDUST!



NOW FOR THE FORTRESS ITSELF!

THE STARKILLERS AIMED STRAIGHT FOR THE WALL OF THE FORTRESS.





KALE LED HIS MEN.





SUDDENLY, FROM GRAV-VENTS IN THE COURTYARD—



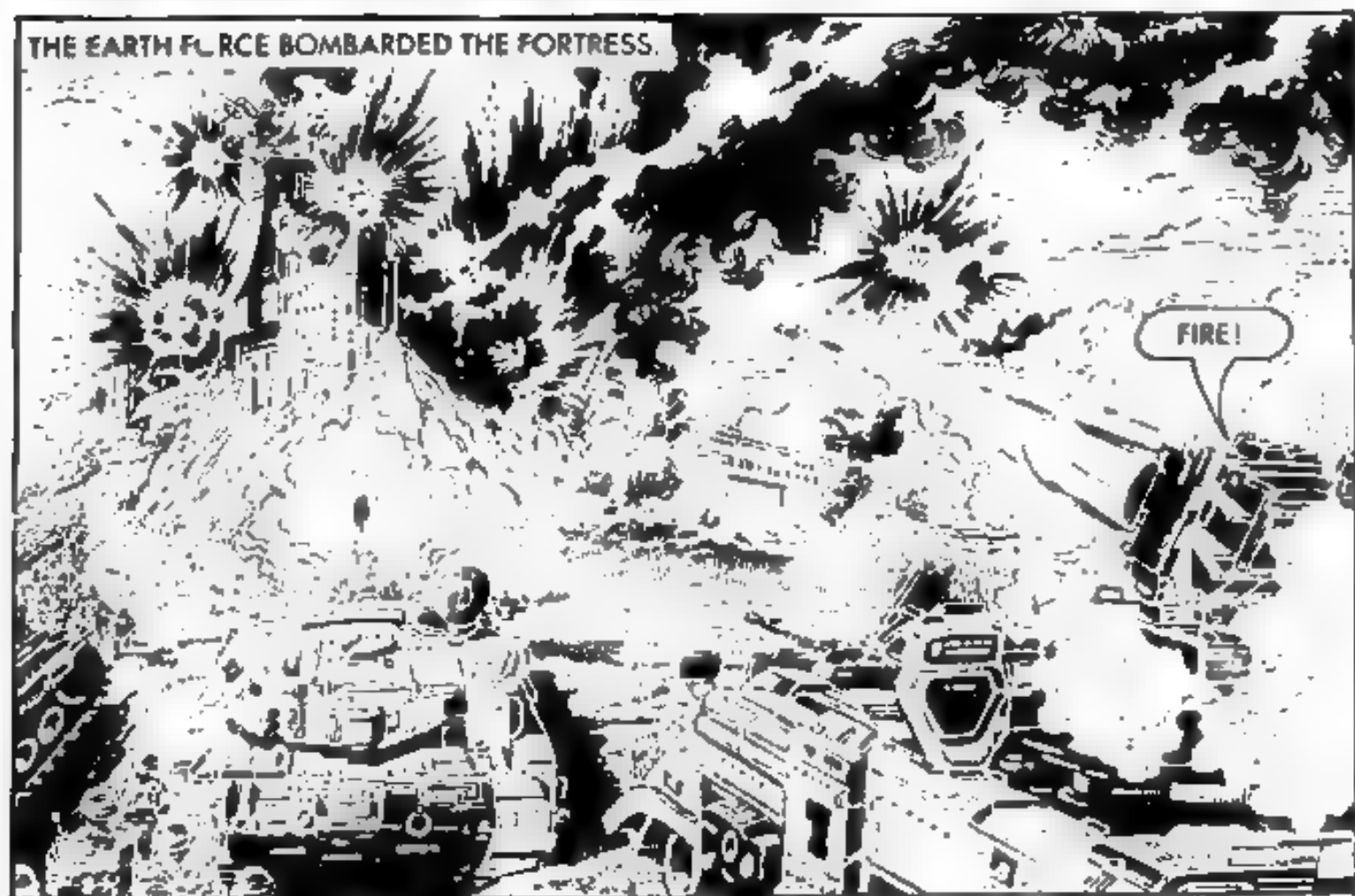
THE STARKILLERS WERE TRAPPED.

RAPID FIRE—WE MAY
JUST HAVE A CHANCE.

I THINK NOT,
EARTHER!







TARB SAW HIS CHANCE.



TARB'S GETTING AWAY!



TARB BOARDED AN ESCAPE CRAFT.



THE BRITS OVERPOWERED THE GUARDS.



THE ESCAPE SHIP BLASTED OFF . . .



. . . AND HIT THE CONCENTRATED THERMAL FIELD.



SOME TIME LATER—

THE LASER BARRIER IS DOWN.
WE HAVE COME TO OFFER OUR THANKS.

TARB IS DEAD. G-BRIT
IS FREE AGAIN.

ALL EARTH IS FREE AGAIN—
THANKS TO THE STARKILLERS!

PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO DOMINATE BY FORCE OF
ARMS SHALL ALWAYS FALL TO THE FORCE OF GOOD.

**DON'T FORGET THIS
MONTH'S *OTHER***

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